AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4
OFFERED BY MR. BABIN OF TEXAS

At the end of title VI, insert the following:

SEC. ___. CERTAIN RECOUPMENT PROHIBITED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall deem any covered disaster assistance to have been properly procured, provided, and utilized, and shall restore any funding of covered disaster assistance previously provided but subsequently withdrawn or deobligated.

(b) COVERED DISASTER ASSISTANCE DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered disaster assistance” means assistance—

(1) provided to a local government pursuant to section 403, 406, or 407 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170b, 5172, or 5173); and

(2) with respect to which, the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security has determined, after an audit, that—

(A) the Federal Emergency Management Agency deployed to the local government a Technical Assistance Contractor to review field
operations, provide eligibility advice, and assist with day-to-day decisions;

(B) the Technical Assistance Contractor provided inaccurate information to the local government; and

(C) the local government relied on the inaccurate information to determine that relevant contracts were eligible, reasonable, and reimbursable.