Amendment to H.R. 4 Offered by Mr. Babin of Texas

At the end of title VI, insert the following:

1 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any funding of covered disaster assistance previously provided but subsequently withdrawn or deobligated.

- 8 (b) COVERED DISASTER ASSISTANCE DEFINED.—In
 9 this section, the term "covered disaster assistance" means
 10 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—
- 18 (A) the Federal Emergency Management
 19 Agency deployed to the local government a
 20 Technical Assistance Contractor to review field

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operations, provide eligibility advice, and assist 1 2 with day-to-day decisions; 3 (B) the Technical Assistance Contractor provided inaccurate information to the local 4 5 government; and (C) the local government relied on the in-6 7 accurate information to determine that relevant contracts were eligible, reasonable, and reim-8 bursable. 9

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