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By Senators Sanders-Fortier, Smitherman, Livingston, Gudger, Coleman-Madison, Jones, Figures, Beasley, Elliott, Barfoot, Reed and Sessions

RFD:

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URGING CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES IN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FUNDED RENTAL UNITS AS A RESULT OF THE CORONAVIRUS.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture provides direct lending to provide rural rental housing units in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 13,000 families living in USDA Rural Development housing units in 437 housing properties in rural Alabama; and

WHEREAS, many of the families living in the units are elderly, disabled, or handicapped and qualify for rental assistance; and

WHEREAS, approximately one-third of the families or almost 4,000 families in rural Alabama in housing funded by the USDA do not currently qualify for rental assistance and may suffer catastrophic consequences if they are unable to pay for their shelter costs as a result of income disruption from the coronavirus; now therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the U.S. Congress and the President are strongly urged to provide additional funding for rental assistance to low income families living in USDA Rural Development Housing units who are adversely affected by income disruption from the coronavirus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States and the members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation.