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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “FEMA Empowering  
5 Essential Deliveries Act” or the “FEED Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE AND LOCAL PLANS FOR MEAL DELIVERY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the period following the  
3 emergency declaration issued by the President on March  
4 13, 2020, pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T.  
5 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 5191(b)), and under any subsequent major dis-  
7 aster declaration under section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 5170) that supersedes such emergency declaration, the  
9 Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management  
10 Agency may approve plans from State, local, and Indian  
11 tribal governments that meet the requirements of sub-  
12 section (b).

13 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—To be eligible to provide food  
14 services set forth in this subsection, a State, local, or In-  
15 dian tribal government shall establish a network to coordi-  
16 nate food distribution and delivery that includes a detailed  
17 plan to—

18 (1) establish contracts with small and mid-sized  
19 restaurants and non-profits, including faith-based  
20 organizations and soup kitchens to prepare healthy  
21 meals for people in need; and

22 (2) partner with non-profit organizations, in-  
23 cluding faith-based organizations and soup kitchens  
24 to purchase directly from food producers and farm-  
25 ers.

1           (c) WAIVER OF MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.—During  
2 the period referred to in subsection (a), the Administrator  
3 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall  
4 waive the matching requirements in sections 403(b) and  
5 503(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
6 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170b(b), 5193(a)).