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119TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effectiveness of emergency alerting systems, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LANGWORTHY introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Weather Alert Re-  
5 sponse and Notification Act” or the “WARN Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL, STATE, TERRITORY,**  
2 **AND FEDERAL ALERTING SYSTEMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the  
4 United States shall conduct a study on the effectiveness  
5 of local, State, territory, and Federal emergency alerting  
6 systems in disseminating timely and relevant information  
7 during weather-related emergencies to help communities  
8 develop better policies and procedures for emergency re-  
9 sponse and enhance public safety in the event of a weath-  
10 er-related emergency.

11 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-  
12 section (a), the Comptroller General shall—

13 (1) evaluate the efficacy of various alert medi-  
14 ums, including platforms such as social media, to  
15 disseminate emergency alerts, including travel bans  
16 and mass power outages, during extreme weather  
17 events;

18 (2) assess the extent that guidance and training  
19 exists for developing alert content, such as ensuring  
20 alerts are clear, relevant, and provide the public with  
21 actionable information; and

22 (3) determine whether improvements could be  
23 made to public alerting, including outdoor siren sys-  
24 tems, based on input from a selected sample of  
25 emergency managers, local officials, and community  
26 groups.

1           (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the  
2 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
3 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-  
4 frastructure and the Committee on Homeland Security of  
5 the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
6 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-  
7 ate a report on the study conducted under subsection (a).