A BILL

To require the disclosure to Congress of presidential emergency action documents.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Restraint of Executive
in Governing Nation Act of 2020” or the “REIGN Act
of 2020”.

SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE TO CONGRESS OF PRESIDENTIAL
EMERGENCY ACTION DOCUMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
conclusion of the process for approval, adoption, or revi-
sion of any presidential emergency action document, the
President shall submit that document to the appropriate
congressional committees.

(b) DOCUMENTS IN EXISTENCE BEFORE DATE OF
ENACTMENT.—Not later than 15 days after the date of
the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to
the appropriate congressional committees all presidential
emergency action documents in existence before such date
of enactment.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
mittees”, with respect to a presidential emergency
action document submitted under subsection (a) or
(b), means—

(A) the Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs, the Committee on
the Judiciary, and the Select Committee on In-
telligence of the Senate;

(B) the Committee on Oversight and Re-
form, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of
the House of Representatives; and

(C) any other committee of the Senate or
the House of Representatives with jurisdiction
over the subject matter addressed in the presi-
dential emergency action document.

(2) PRESIDENTIAL EMERGENCY ACTION DOCU-
MENT.—The term “presidential emergency action
document” refers to—

(A) each of the approximately 56 docu-
ments described as presidential emergency ac-
tion documents in the budget justification mate-
rials for the Office of Legal Counsel of the De-
partment of Justice submitted to Congress in
support of the budget of the President for fiscal
year 2018; and

(B) any other pre-coordinated legal docu-
ment in existence before, on, or after the date
of the enactment of this Act, that—

(i) is designated as a presidential
emergency action document; or

(ii) is designed to implement a presi-
dential decision or transmit a presidential
request when an emergency disrupts nor-
mal governmental or legislative processes.