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116TH CONGRESS  
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CUMMINGS (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. MEADOWS, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. TAYLOR) 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 “Ensuring FEHBP  
5 Coverage During Shutdowns Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATING CERTAIN FEHBP-RELATED SERVICES**  
2 **AS EXCEPTED SERVICES UNDER THE ANTI-**  
3 **DEFICIENCY ACT.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 8905 of title 5, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 “(i) Any services by an officer or employee under this  
8 chapter relating to enrolling individuals in a health bene-  
9 fits plan under this chapter, or changing the enrollment  
10 of an individual already so enrolled due to a qualifying  
11 life event, shall be deemed, for purposes of section 1342  
12 of title 31, services for emergencies involving the safety  
13 of human life or the protection of property.”.

14 (b) **APPLICATION.**—The amendment made by sub-  
15 section (a) shall apply to any lapse in appropriations be-  
16 ginning on or after the date of enactment of this Act.