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# H. R. 4143

To amend the National Construction Safety Team Act to enable the National Institute of Standards and Technology to investigate structures other than buildings to inform the development of engineering standards, best practices, and building codes related to such structures, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2023

Ms. LOFGREN (for herself and Mr. LUCAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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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 “National Construction  
5 Safety Team Enhancement Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION SAFETY TEAM EN-**  
2 **HANCEMENT.**

3 The National Construction Safety Team Act is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in section 2 (15 U.S.C. 7301)—

6 (A) in subsection (a)—

7 (i) in the first sentence, by striking  
8 “buildings” and inserting “structure”; and

9 (ii) by inserting after the first sen-  
10 tence the following new sentence: “In in-  
11 stances in which the failure of the building  
12 or structure is the proper subject for inves-  
13 tigation by another Federal agency, the  
14 Director shall defer to the authority of  
15 such agency.”;

16 (B) in subsection (b)—

17 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
18 “buildings” and inserting “the built envi-  
19 ronment”; and

20 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

21 (I) in subparagraph (A), by in-  
22 serting “or structure” after “build-  
23 ing”;

24 (II) in subparagraph (C), by  
25 striking “building standards, codes,  
26 and practices” and inserting “engi-

1 neering standards, practices, and  
2 building codes”; and

3 (III) in subparagraph (D), by  
4 striking “buildings” and inserting  
5 “the built environment”; and

6 (C) in subsection (c)(1)—

7 (i) in subparagraph (G), by inserting  
8 “or structure” after “building”; and

9 (ii) in subparagraph (J)—

10 (I) by inserting “or structure”  
11 after “building”; and

12 (II) by inserting “or the National  
13 Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of  
14 2004” after “1977”;

15 (2) in section 4 (15 U.S.C. 7303)—

16 (A) by striking the term “building” each  
17 place it appears; and

18 (B) by inserting “building or structure”  
19 before “failure” each place it appears;

20 (3) in section 7 (15 U.S.C. 7306), by inserting  
21 “or structure” after “building”;

22 (4) in section 8 (15 U.S.C. 7307)—

23 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or  
24 structure” after “building”;

1 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “stand-  
2 ards, codes, and practices” and inserting “engi-  
3 neering standards, practices, and building  
4 codes”; and

5 (C) in paragraph (4), by inserting “and  
6 structure” after “building”;

7 (5) in section 9(2) (15 U.S.C. 7308(2)), by  
8 striking “building standards, codes, and practices”  
9 each place it appears and inserting “engineering  
10 standards, practices, and building codes”;

11 (6) in section 14 (15 U.S.C. 7312), by striking  
12 “building standards, codes, or practices” and insert-  
13 ing “engineering standards, practices, and building  
14 codes”; and

15 (7) by amending section 15 (15 U.S.C. 7313)  
16 to read as follows:

17 **“SEC. 15. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Direc-  
19 tor of the National Institute of Standards and Technology  
20 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2027.”.

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