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Comments: I am unclear what these teams are exactly supposed to do. The bill indicates they will hold meetings and distribute information. However, Mr. Mayne's and MG Wong's comments indicate that they think these teams will be a resource as responders in an incident. Without a clear mandate to be responders, I don't see what is gained. There are existing volunteer (and paid) organizations ranging from State, local and county civil defense, through CERT teams, American Red Cross, and Civil Air Patrol, that could benefit within an existing framework from the expenditure of these funds. Why create another organization when there are already existing ones that can make use of funds without new bureaucratic overhead? Very respectfully submitted, James Bedient

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