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To provide an increased allocation of funding under certain programs for assistance in persistent poverty counties, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CLYBURN (for himself, Ms. BASS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COX of California, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEWIS, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MOORE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. SOTO, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. VEASEY, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Ms. WILSON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor, Science, Space, and Technology, Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “An Act Targeting Re-
5 sources to Communities in Need”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.—The term “de-
9 velopment program” means any of the following pro-
10 grams, offices, or appropriations accounts:

11 (A) Any program administered by the Of-
12 fice of Rural Development of the Department of
13 Agriculture.

14 (B) The Appalachian Regional Commis-
15 sion.

16 (C) Department of Commerce, Economic
17 Development Administration, Economic Devel-
18 opment Assistance Programs.

19 (D) The Delta Regional Authority.

20 (E) The Denali Commission.

21 (F) Any training or employment services
22 program administered by the Employment and
23 Training Administration of the Department of
24 Labor.

1 (G) Department of Health and Human
2 Services, Health Resources and Services Admin-
3 istration.

4 (H) Environmental Protection Agency,
5 State and Tribal Assistance Grants.

6 (I) Department of Commerce, National In-
7 stitute of Standards and Technology, Construc-
8 tion.

9 (J) Any program under the Juvenile Jus-
10 tice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974
11 (34 U.S.C. 1111 et seq.).

12 (K) The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice
13 Assistance Grant Program under subpart 1 of
14 part E of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
15 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10151
16 et seq.).

17 (L) A victim services programs for victims
18 of trafficking, as authorized by section
19 107(b)(2) of Public Law 106–386.

20 (M) Any program authorized under the
21 Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization
22 Act of 2005.

23 (N) Any program authorized under the Vi-
24 olence Against Women Reauthorization Act of
25 2013.

1 (O) Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Im-
2 provement Grants under part BB of title I of
3 the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
4 Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10561 et seq.).

5 (P) DNA-related and forensic programs
6 and activities grants under part X of the Omni-
7 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
8 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10511 et seq.).

9 (Q) A grant program for community-based
10 sexual assault response reform grants under
11 part T of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
12 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10441et seq.).

13 (R) The court-appointed special advocate
14 program, as authorized by section 217 of the
15 Crime Control Act of 1990 (34 U.S.C. 20323).

16 (S) A program under subtitle C of title II
17 of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (34 U.S.C.
18 60541 et seq.).

19 (T) The COPS ON THE BEAT program
20 under part Q of title I of the Omnibus Crime
21 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34
22 U.S.C. 10381 et seq.).

23 (U) The Comprehensive Opioid Abuse
24 Grant Program under part LL of title I of the

1 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
2 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10701 et seq.).

3 (V) A grant under section 220531 of title
4 36, United States Code.

5 (W) The program authorized under Part
6 AA of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and
7 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10551 et
8 seq.).

9 (X) Department of Transportation, Office
10 of the Secretary, Nationally Significant Freight
11 and Highway Projects.

12 (Y) Department of Transportation, Office
13 of the Secretary, National Infrastructure In-
14 vestments.

15 (Z) Department of Transportation, Fed-
16 eral Transit Administration, Bus and Bus Fa-
17 cilities Infrastructure Investment Program.

18 (AA) Department of Transportation, Fed-
19 eral Transit Administration, Capital Investment
20 Grants Program.

21 (BB) Any program of the Department of
22 the Treasury relating to Community Develop-
23 ment Financial Institutions (within the mean-
24 ing of section 103 of the Community Develop-

1 ment Banking and Financial Institutions Act of
2 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4702)).

3 (CC) The Southeast Crescent Regional
4 Commission.

5 (DD) The Northern Border Regional Com-
6 mission.

7 (EE) The Southwest Border Regional
8 Commission.

9 (FF) The Northern Great Plains Regional
10 Authority.

11 (GG) The Fair Housing Initiatives Pro-
12 gram under section 561 of the Housing and
13 Community Development Act of 1987 (42
14 U.S.C. 3616a).

15 (HH) The grant program under section
16 4611 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
17 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7261).

18 (2) PERSISTENT POVERTY COUNTY.—The term
19 “persistent poverty county” means any county with
20 a poverty rate of at least 20 percent, as determined
21 in each of the 1990 and 2000 decennial censuses,
22 and in the Bureau of the Census’s Small Area In-
23 come and Poverty Estimates for the most recent
24 year for which the estimates are available.

1 (3) HIGH-POVERTY AREA.—The term “high-
2 poverty area” means a census tract with a poverty
3 rate of at least 20 percent during the 5 years most
4 recently ending before the date of the enactment of
5 this Act.

6 **SEC. 3. 10-20-30 FORMULA FOR PERSISTENT POVERTY**
7 **COUNTIES.**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the enti-
9 ty responsible for administering a development program
10 shall use not less than 10 percent of the amounts made
11 available in any appropriations Act for the program for
12 any of fiscal years 2019 through 2028, in persistent pov-
13 erty counties, if the entity is otherwise authorized to do
14 so.

15 **SEC. 4. TARGETING HIGH-POVERTY CENSUS TRACTS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
17 sion of law, the entity responsible for administering a de-
18 velopment program shall use not less than the amount de-
19 scribed in subsection (b) of the amounts made available
20 in any appropriations Act for the program for any of fiscal
21 years 2019 through 2028, for projects in high-poverty
22 areas, if the entity is otherwise authorized to do so.

23 (b) AMOUNT DESCRIBED.—The amount described in
24 this subsection with respect to a program is an amount
25 equal to the sum of—

1 (1) the average percentage of Federal assist-
2 ance awarded under the program in the 3 fiscal
3 years most recently ending before the date of the en-
4 actment of this Act that were used for projects in
5 high-poverty areas; plus

6 (2) 5 percent of the average total Federal loan
7 and grant funds awarded under the program in the
8 3 fiscal years referred to in paragraph (1).

9 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—If an entity responsible
10 for administering a development program determines that
11 the provision of benefits under the program in a particular
12 census tract actually benefits individuals predominantly
13 living in other census tracts, then the entity shall, within
14 3 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, in-
15 form the Director of the Office of Management and Budg-
16 et and the Congress that it would be more appropriate
17 to track the provision of benefits under the program based
18 on the census tracts in which the individuals who actually
19 receive the benefits reside and on whether the benefits
20 serve individuals who reside in predominantly low-income
21 census tracts.

22 **SEC. 5. FAILURE TO USE FUNDS.**

23 If the entity responsible for administering a develop-
24 ment program does not comply with section 4 with respect
25 to the program for a fiscal year, the entity shall submit

1 to the Congress a report that describes how the entity
2 plans to do so in the next fiscal year.

3 **SEC. 6. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

4 Within 6 months after the end of fiscal year 2019
5 and within 6 months after the end of each fiscal year
6 thereafter, the entity responsible for administering each
7 development program shall submit to the Congress a
8 progress report on the implementation of this Act with re-
9 spect to the development program.

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