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H. R. 6736

To provide rental assistance to tenants in multifamily rural housing projects financed by the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2020

Mrs. AXNE (for herself, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Protect Rural Renters
5 Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. RURAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
8 authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2020
9 \$700,000,000 for rural rental assistance, which shall re-
10 main available until September 30, 2021, of which—

1 (1) up to \$25,000,000 million may be used for
2 an additional amount for rural housing vouchers for
3 any low-income households (including those not re-
4 ceiving rental assistance) residing in a property fi-
5 nanced with a section 515 loan which has been pre-
6 paid after September 30, 2005, or has matured after
7 September 30, 2019; and

8 (2) the remainder shall be used for an addi-
9 tional amount for rural rental assistance agreements
10 entered into or renewed pursuant to section
11 521(a)(2) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
12 1490a(a)(2)) to—

13 (A) supplement the rental assistance of
14 households on whose behalf assistance is being
15 provided; and

16 (B) provide rental assistance on behalf of
17 households who are not being assisted with such
18 rental assistance but who qualify for such as-
19 sistance.

20 (b) RURAL HOUSING VOUCHERS.—The matter under
21 the heading “Multi-Family Housing Revitalization Pro-
22 gram Account” in title III of division B of the Further
23 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116—

1 94) is amended by striking the second proviso (relating
2 to the amount of a voucher).

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