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PROPRIATIONS BILL, 2018

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Appropriations,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

together with

MINORITY VIEWS

[To accompany H.R. 3353]

The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in
explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the
Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Develop-
ment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30,
2018.

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PROGRAM, PROJECT, AND ACTIVITY

During fiscal year 2018, for the purposes of the Balanced Budget
and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-177), as
amended, with respect to appropriations contained in the accom-
panying bill, the terms “program, project, and activity” (PPA) shall

mean any item for which a dollar amount is contained in appropriations acts (including joint resolutions providing continuing appropriations) and accompanying reports of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, or accompanying conference reports and joint explanatory statements of the committee of conference. This definition shall apply to all programs for which new budget (obligational) authority is provided, as well as to discretionary grants and discretionary grant allocations made through either bill or report language. In addition, the percentage reductions made pursuant to a sequestration order to funds appropriated for facilities and equipment, Federal Aviation Administration, shall be applied equally to each budget item that is listed under said account in the budget justifications submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations as modified by subsequent appropriations acts and accompanying committee reports, conference reports, or joint explanatory statements of the committee of conference.

The Committee expects that the operating plans will address each number listed in the reports, and warns that efforts to operate programs at levels contrary to the levels recommended and directed in these reports would not be advised.

OPERATING PLANS AND REPROGRAMMING GUIDELINES

The Committee includes a provision (Sec. 405) establishing the authority by which funding available to the agencies funded by this Act may be reprogrammed for other purposes. The provision specifically requires the advance approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of any proposal to reprogram funds that:

- creates a new program;
- eliminates a program, project, or activity (PPA);
- increases funds or personnel for any PPA for which funds have been denied or restricted by the Congress;
 - redirects funds that were directed in such reports for a specific activity to a different purpose;
 - augments an existing PPA in excess of \$5,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less;
 - reduces an existing PPA by \$5,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less; or
 - creates, reorganizes, or restructures offices different from the congressional budget justifications or the table at the end of the Committee report, whichever is more detailed.

The Committee retains the requirement that each agency submit an operating plan to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act to establish the baseline for application of reprogramming and transfer authorities provided in this Act. Specifically, each agency must provide a table for each appropriation with columns displaying the budget request; adjustments made by Congress; adjustments for rescissions, if appropriate; and the fiscal year enacted level. The table shall delineate the appropriation both by object class and by PPA. The report also must identify items of special Congressional interest. In certain instances, the Committee may direct the agency to submit a revised operating plan for approval or may direct changes

to the operating plan if the plan is not consistent with the directives of the conference report and statement of the managers.

The Committee expects the agencies and bureaus to submit reprogramming requests in a timely manner and to provide a thorough explanation of the proposed reallocations, including a detailed justification of increases and reductions and the specific impact of proposed changes on the budget request for the following fiscal year. Any reprogramming request shall include any out-year budgetary impacts and a separate accounting of program or mission impacts on estimated carryover funds. Reprogramming procedures shall apply to funds provided in this bill, unobligated balances from previous appropriations Acts that are available for obligation or expenditure in fiscal year 2018, and non-appropriated resources such as fee collections that are used to meet program requirements in fiscal year 2018.

The Committee expects each agency to manage its programs and activities within the amounts appropriated by Congress. The Committee reminds agencies that reprogramming requests should be submitted only in the case of an unforeseeable emergency or a situation that could not have been anticipated when formulating the budget request for the current fiscal year. Except in emergency situations, reprogramming requests should be submitted no later than June 30, 2018. Further, the Committee notes that when a Department or agency submits a reprogramming or transfer request to the Committees on Appropriations and does not receive identical responses from the House and Senate, it is the responsibility of the Department to reconcile the House and Senate differences before proceeding and, if reconciliation is not possible, to consider the request to reprogram funds unapproved.

The Committee would also like to clarify that this section applies to working capital funds of both HUD and DOT and that no funds may be obligated from working capital fund accounts to augment programs, projects or activities for which appropriations have been specifically rejected by the Congress, or to increase funds or personnel for any PPA above the amounts appropriated by this Act.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET JUSTIFICATIONS

Budget justifications are the primary tool used by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations to evaluate the resource requirements and fiscal needs of agencies. The Committee is aware that the format and presentation of budget materials is largely left to the agency within presentation objectives set forth by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). In fact, OMB Circular A-11, part 1 specifically instructs agencies to consult with congressional committees beforehand. The Committee expects that all agencies funded under this Act will heed this directive.

The Committee expects all of the budget justifications to provide the data needed to make appropriate and meaningful funding decisions. The Committee continues the direction that justifications submitted with the fiscal year 2019 budget request by agencies funded under this Act contain the customary level of detailed data and explanatory statements to support the appropriations requests at the level of detail contained in the funding table included at the end of this report. Among other items, agencies shall provide a detailed discussion of proposed new initiatives, proposed changes in

the agency's financial plan from prior year enactment, detailed data on all programs, and comprehensive information on any office or agency restructurings. At a minimum, each agency must also provide adequate justification for funding and staffing changes for each individual office and materials that compare programs, projects, and activities that are proposed for fiscal year 2019 to the fiscal year 2018 enacted levels.

The Committee is aware that the analytical materials required for review by the Committee are unique to each agency in this Act. Therefore, the Committee expects that each agency will coordinate with the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations in advance on its planned presentation for its budget justification materials in support of the fiscal year 2019 budget request.

OTHER MATTERS

Performance measures.—The Committee directs each of the agencies funded by this Act to comply with title 31 of the United States Code including the development of their organizational priority goals and outcomes such as performance outcome measures, output measures, efficiency measures, and customer service measures.

Regional councils.—The Committee encourages federal agencies to consider including regional councils and councils of government as eligible entities in competitions for federal funding when local governments or non-profit agencies are eligible.

Federally funded research.—The Committee is encouraged by actions of agencies under the jurisdiction of this bill to increase access to federally funded research conducted by those agencies. The Committee urges these agencies to continue their efforts toward increased access, and the Committee requests updates on progress made to be included in fiscal year 2019 budget requests.

Responses to Congressional Inquiries.—It is a long-standing tradition and Constitutional responsibility of the Executive Branch to be responsive to the Congress. Therefore, the Committee directs the heads of all entities in this subcommittee's jurisdiction to respond in a consistent and timely manner to inquiries from Members regardless of political party (or majority or minority status). Furthermore, not more than 30 days after this report is filed and then on a quarterly basis, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee a Congressional correspondence tracker showing, only by party, the date the correspondence was received and the date a response was sent.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$114,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	111,899,000
Recommended in the bill	108,899,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	–5,101,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	–3,000,000

Section 186 allows amounts from improper payments to a third party contractor that are lawfully recovered by DOT to be made available to cover expenses incurred in recovery of such payments.

Section 187 requires that reprogramming actions have to be approved or denied by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, and reprogramming notifications shall be transmitted solely to the Appropriations Committees.

Section 188 allows funds appropriated to modal administrations to be obligated for the Office of the Secretary for costs related to assessments only when such funds provide a direct benefit to that modal administration.

Section 189 authorizes the Secretary to carry out a program that establishes uniform standards for developing and supporting agency transit pass and transit benefits, including distribution of transit benefits.

Section 190 prohibits the use of funds to implement any geographic, economic, or other hiring preference not otherwise authorized by law, unless certain requirements are met related to availability of local labor, displacement of existing employees, and delays in transportation plans.

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Management and Administration accounts provide operating support to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funding supports the salaries and expenses of nearly all HUD employees, as well as certain non-personnel expenses critical to carrying out HUD's mission, including funding for shared service agreements. The Committee supports the Department's efforts to transform the way it does business and encourages the Department to continue efforts to streamline operations while making targeted technology and human capital investments.

Budget presentation.—The Committee directs HUD to continue to clearly identify and explain within its budget request the movement, reclassification, or transfer of budgetary resources from one account, program, project, or activity to another account, program, project, or activity in order to facilitate year-over-year comparisons. Any programs, projects, or activities that are newly requested or transferred from accounts outside Management and Administration shall also be clearly identified and clearly distinguished from adjustments to baseline spending.

New initiatives.—The Committee reiterates that the Department must limit the reprogramming of funds between the programs, projects, and activities within each account and that no changes may be made to any program, project, or activity without prior approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. Unless otherwise identified in the bill or report, the most detailed allocation of budgetary resources presented in the budget justifications is approved with any deviation from such approved allocation subject to reprogramming requirements. All carryover funds, including recaptures and deobligations, are also subject to reprogramming requirements.

HUD management challenges.—Annually since 1991, the Office of Inspector General has reported on the lack of an integrated financial management system at HUD. The Department has been working to replace its core financial management system since fiscal year 2003, and has yet to deliver a successful replacement. Many of the financial challenges and risks are exacerbated by the Department’s outdated information technology systems, and yet the Department has shown weaknesses in planning, managing, executing, and appropriately funding its projects, making it difficult to successfully update outdated systems. As the Inspector General noted in his most recent testimony before the Committee, as HUD addresses its future financial management objectives, it must ensure the project is properly planned and managed, its objectives are sequentially met during implementation, and additional funding is spent appropriately. The Committee expects regular updates on its efforts to correct these financial management deficiencies and improve information technology governance.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$14,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	14,708,000
Recommended in the bill	14,708,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	+708,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---

The Executive Offices account funds the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Secretary, the Office of the Deputy Secretary, the Office of Adjudicatory Services, the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, the Office of Public Affairs, the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, and the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

The Office of the Secretary provides program and policy guidance, and operations management and oversight in administering all programs, functions, and authorities of the Department.

The Office of the Deputy Secretary provides operations management and helps the Department achieve its strategic goals by providing management support to program offices under the direction of the Office of the Secretary.

The Office of Adjudicatory Services, formerly known as the Office of Hearings and Appeals, conducts hearings and makes determinations regarding formal complaints or adverse actions initiated by HUD based upon alleged violations of federal statutes and implementing regulations.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations is responsible for coordinating Congressional and intergovernmental relations activities involving program offices to ensure the effective and accurate presentation of the Department’s views.

The Office of Public Affairs educates the American people about the Department’s mission through media outreach and other communication tools, such as press releases, press conferences, the Internet, media interviews, new media, and community outreach.

The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization provides small business program design and outreach to the business community and serves as the central referral point for small business regulatory compliance information.

The Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships conducts outreach, recommends changes to HUD policies and programs that present barriers to grassroots organizations, and initiates special projects, such as grant writing training.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$14,708,000, which is \$708,000 above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

The bill also provides that no more than \$25,000 provided under the Office of the Secretary shall be available for official reception and representation expenses as the Secretary may determine.

Notice of HUD assistance.—HUD provides many different types of financial assistance to accomplish the missions of housing and development. Grants, loans, mortgages, contracts, and cooperative agreements are provided in support of many different types of stakeholders, including individuals, public housing authorities, not-for-profit organizations, states and governors, mayors and cities, and landlords. As a consequence, there is no single HUD point of contact in a given community, or one single grant recipient, and it is difficult to comprehensively track all of HUD's investments, projects, and programs across a single community. The Committee directs the Secretary, either through the various program offices or through technical assistance initiatives, to notify local officials where HUD assistance is, or will be, used for new construction, hazard remediation, or substantial rehabilitation of multifamily units, public buildings, or other projects which involve the construction of or rehabilitation of properties other than single family homes.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$517,647,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	517,803,000
Recommended in the bill	518,303,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	+656,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+500,000

The Administrative Support Offices (ASO) account funds the salaries and expenses of the Office of Administration, the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer, the Office of General Counsel, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, the Office of Departmental Equal Employment Opportunity, the Office of Field Policy and Management, the Office of Strategic Planning and Management, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, and the Office of the Chief Operations Officer.

The Committee commends HUD's recognition of the need to institutionalize and stabilize operations within the Department, and establishes the creation of the Office of the Chief Operations Officer (OCOO). The Chief Operations Officer was formerly part of Executive Offices, but is moved to ASO to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Department, focusing on oversight and transformation of HUD's human capital, procurement, administrative, and information technology processes. The OCOO oversees a team that includes the Chief Human Capital Officer (CHCO), the Chief Pro-

curement Officer (CPO), the Chief Information Officer (CIO), the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Management (OSPM).

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) provides leadership in instituting financial integrity, fiscal responsibility, and accountability. The CFO is responsible for all aspects of financial management, accounting, and budgetary matters; ensuring the Department establishes and meets financial management goals and objectives; ensuring the Department is in compliance with financial management legislation and directives; analyzing budgetary implications of policy and legislative proposals; and providing technical oversight with respect to all budget activities throughout the Department.

The General Counsel, as the chief legal officer and legal voice of the Department, is the legal adviser to the Secretary and other principal staff of the Department. It is the responsibility of the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) to provide legal opinions, advice, and services with respect to all programs and activities, and to provide counsel and assistance in the development of the Department's programs and policies. Additionally, OGC conducts high-dollar value insured loan closings for multifamily housing, nursing homes, hospitals, and elderly and disabled housing programs.

The Office of Administration provides general operational support services to all offices and divisions throughout HUD. These services include HUD's non-information technology infrastructure in the following areas: nationwide management and operation of buildings, providing administrative services to all field offices, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) processing, records management, overseeing HUD broadcasting, and coordinating responses to disasters and emergencies.

The Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer provides human resource services to all offices and divisions throughout HUD, and assures accountability with the Office of Personnel Management, Office of Management and Budget, other Federal agencies, Congress, and the public. These services include HUD's non-information technology infrastructure in the following areas: strategic human capital management, enterprise level training and learning, recruitment and staffing, workforce planning, retention, engagement, succession planning, and Departmental performance management.

The Office of Field Policy and Management (FPM) serves as the principal advisor providing oversight and communicating Secretarial priorities and policies to field office staff and HUD clients. The Regional and Field Office Directors act as the operational managers in each of the field offices and manage and coordinate cross-program delivery in the field.

The Office of the Chief Procurement Officer (OCPO) provides acquisition support for the creating of strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality homes for all. OCPO is responsible for managing the agency acquisition workforce and conducting procurement activities.

The Office of Departmental Equal Employment Opportunity (ODEEO) is responsible for ensuring the enforcement of Federal laws relating to the elimination of all forms of discrimination in the Department's employment practices and to ensure equal employ-

ment opportunity (EEO). The Office is comprised of two programmatic areas in carrying out the administration, management, and enforcement of its EEO, civil rights, and affirmative employment functions: 1) Equal Employment Opportunity Division, which includes the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program; and 2) the Affirmative Employment Division.

The Office of Strategic Planning and Management drives organizational, programmatic, and operational change across the Department to maximize efficiency and performance. The office facilitates HUD's strategic planning process by identifying the Department's priorities and transformational change initiatives, managing risk, creating and managing work plans for targeted transformation projects, and developing key program performance measures and targets for monitoring.

The Office of the Chief Information Officer is led by the Chief Information Officer (CIO), who reports to the Office of the Secretary/Deputy Secretary. HUD's CIO advises senior managers on the strategic use of information technology to support core business processes and to achieve mission critical goals. OCIO is responsible for providing modern information technology that is secure, accessible, and cost effective while ensuring compliance with applicable regulatory requirements.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$518,303,000 for this account, which is \$656,000 above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$500,000 above the budget request.

Funding specified for each office is as follows:

Office	Amount
Office of the Chief Operations Officer	\$10,762,000
Office of the Chief Financial Officer	50,340,000
Office of the General Counsel	92,006,000
Office of Administration	205,873,000
Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer	38,245,000
Office of Field Policy and Management	49,588,000
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer	19,065,000
Office of the Departmental Equal Employment Opportunity	3,570,000
Office of Strategic Planning and Management	4,975,000
Office of the Chief Information Officer	43,879,000

PROGRAM OFFICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$216,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	216,633,000
Recommended in the bill	216,633,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	+633,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---

The Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) oversees the administration of HUD's Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, and Native American Programs. PIH is responsible for administering and managing programs authorized and funded by Congress under the basic provisions of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$216,633,000 for this account, which is \$633,000 above the level enacted in fiscal year 2017, and equal to the fiscal year 2018 budget request. The Committee directs that at least the same level of budgetary resources as in fiscal year 2017 be allocated to ensure the successful and streamlined completion of Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) transactions.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$110,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	107,554,000
Recommended in the bill	107,554,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	-2,446,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---

The Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) manages a wide range of community development, affordable housing, homeless, special needs, disaster recovery, and economic stimulus and mobility programs that support communities, low-income households, and others requiring assistance. The primary means toward this end is the development of partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector. This Office is responsible for the effective administration of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), the Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Homeless Assistance Grants, and other HUD community development programs.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$107,554,000 for this account, which is \$2,446,000 below the level enacted in fiscal year 2017, and equal to the budget request.

HOUSING

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$392,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	365,829,000
Recommended in the bill	392,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	---
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+26,171,000

The Office of Housing provides vital public services through its nationally administered programs, oversees the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), the largest mortgage insurer in the world, and regulates housing industry business. In addition to Executive Direction and supportive offices that work on finance, budget, and operations, there are five program offices within the Office of Housing: 1) Office of Multifamily Housing programs; 2) Office of Healthcare programs; 3) Office of Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs; 4) Office of Single Family Housing programs; and 5) Office of Housing Counseling.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$392,000,000 for this account, which is equal to the fiscal year 2017 enacted level, and \$26,171,000 above the budget request. The Committee directs the Department to perform the activities carried out in prior years by the perform-

ance-based contract administrators and provides funding for these purposes within the office.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$24,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	24,065,000
Recommended in the bill	24,065,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	+65,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	- - -

The Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) directs the Department’s annual research agenda to support the research and evaluation of housing and other departmental initiatives to improve HUD’s effectiveness and operational efficiencies. Research proposals are determined through consultation with senior staff from each HUD program office, the Office of Management and Budget, and Congress.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$24,065,000 for this account, which is \$65,000 above the level enacted in fiscal year 2017 and equal to the budget request.

FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$72,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	69,808,000
Recommended in the bill	69,808,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	- 2,192,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	- - -

The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) is responsible for developing policies and guidance, and for providing technical support for enforcement of the Fair Housing Act and the civil rights statutes. FHEO serves as the central point for the formulation, clearance and dissemination of policies, intra-departmental clearances, and public information related to fair housing issues. FHEO receives, investigates, conciliates and recommends the issuance of charges of discrimination and determinations of non-compliance for complaints filed under Title VIII and other civil rights authorities. Additionally, FHEO conducts civil rights compliance reviews and compliance reviews under Section 3.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$69,808,000 for this account, which is \$2,192,000 below the level enacted in fiscal year 2017 and equal to the budget request.

OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY HOMES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$9,353,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	7,600,000
Recommended in the bill	7,600,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	- 1,753,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	- - -

The Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) is directly responsible for the administration of the

Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction program authorized by Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992. The office also addresses multiple housing-related hazards affecting the health of residents, particularly children. The office develops lead-based paint regulations, guidelines, and policies applicable to HUD programs, and enforces the Lead Disclosure Rule issued under Title X. The mission of the OLHCHH is to provide safe and healthy homes for at-risk families and children by promoting and funding housing repairs to address conditions that threaten the health of residents.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$7,600,000 for this account, which is \$1,753,000 below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Working Capital Fund (WCF) was established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 to consolidate by transfer resources that support certain centrally performed administrative functions. The purpose of the WCF is to promote economy, efficiency, and accountability among the various HUD offices that rely on these functions.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommendation provides the Secretary with the authority to transfer amounts provided in this title for salaries and expenses, except those for the Office of Inspector General, to this account for the purpose of funding centralized activities. The Department is required to centralize and fund from this account any shared service agreements executed between HUD and another federal agency. For fiscal year 2018, the Department is permitted to centralize and fund from this account: financial management, procurement, travel, relocation, human resources, printing, records management, space renovation, furniture, supply services, and other shared services as decided by the Secretary. The Committee expects that, prior to exercising discretion to centrally fund an activity, the Secretary shall have established transparent and reliable unit cost accounting for the offices and agencies of the Department that use the activity, and shall have adequately trained staff within each affected office and agency on resource planning and accounting processes associated with the centralization of funds to this account.

Further, prior to centralizing either furniture or space renovation, the Committee directs the Department to deliver a comprehensive, multi-year real property improvement plan that details all planned space realignments, capital improvements, maintenance requirements, and other costs associated with carrying out HUD's most recent strategic plan, including any elements of the General Service Administration (GSA) study on the Weaver Building that HUD plans to include as part of its Reimbursable Work Agreement with GSA.

Prior to exercising its authority to transfer funds for activities beyond what is required for shared service agreements, the Committee expects HUD to establish a clear execution plan for centralizing the additional activities, and to transmit that plan to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations 30 days prior to transferring such funds into the WCF.

HUD shall include in its annual operating plan a detailed outline of its plans for transferring budgetary resources to the WCF in fiscal year 2018.

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$20,292,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	19,317,900,000
Recommended in the bill	20,486,725,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	+194,725,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+1,168,825,000

In fiscal year 2005, the Housing Certificate Fund was separated into two new accounts: Tenant-Based Rental Assistance and Project-Based Rental Assistance. This account administers the tenant-based Section 8 rental assistance program otherwise known as the Housing Choice Voucher program.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$20,486,725,000 for tenant-based rental assistance, which is \$194,725,000 above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$1,168,825,000 above the budget request. Consistent with the budget request, the Committee continues the advance of \$4,000,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading for Section 8 programs to October 1, 2018.

Voucher renewals.—The Committee provides \$18,709,725,000 for the renewal of tenant-based vouchers. This level is \$354,725,000 above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$1,125,899,000 above the budget request. The Committee directs the Department to monitor and report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations each quarter on the trends in Section 8 subsidies and to report on the required program alterations due to changes in rent or changes in tenant income.

Veterans affairs supportive housing (VASH).—The Committee provides no less than \$577,000,000 within the voucher renewal appropriation to renew over 90,000 eligible VASH vouchers and to continue the effort to eliminate homelessness among our nation's veterans.

Since 2008, the Committee has provided more than \$500,000,000 in targeted funding to increase the number of VASH vouchers available to address veterans' homelessness and billions of dollars in additional funding have been made available to renew VASH vouchers. Communities across the country have been able to use these resources to make tremendous strides in addressing veterans' homelessness. According to the Department of Veterans Administration, a number of diverse communities across the country have been able to announce an end to veteran homelessness. These suc-

cesses are the result of hard work, and effective collaboration, and are aspirational for the rest of the country. However, since 2010, veterans' homelessness has only declined by 36 percent nationally.

For this reason, the Committee directs the Department to use existing authority to recapture HUD-VASH voucher assistance from Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) that voluntarily declare that they no longer have a need for that assistance or have mismanaged their allotted vouchers, and to reallocate vouchers to PHAs with an identified need. The Committee expects HUD to expedite this process. The Committee encourages the Department to prioritize, as part of this reallocation, PHAs that project-base a portion of their HUD-VASH vouchers in high-cost areas. The Committee directs the agency to report to Congress on its plan to implement this section within 120 days of enactment of this Act.

Vouchers for homeless native american veterans.—The Committee provides \$7,000,000 for renewal of vouchers for Native American veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness living on or near a reservation, or other Indian areas. This program was first funded in fiscal year 2015, and because of the unique nature of the program, a separate renewal line is required. These resources are in addition to VASH appropriations included within voucher renewal funding.

Homeless veterans on U.S.-Mexico border.—The Committee notes that there are many homeless veterans living on the U.S.-Mexico border, many of whom have not historically been counted in the point-in-time homeless survey. The Committee directs HUD to take action to ensure that HUD-VASH vouchers are made available to this unique population. The Committee further directs HUD to develop strategies and recommendations for addressing and reducing veteran homelessness on the U.S.-Mexico border.

HUD-VASH eligibility.—The Committee notes that there are many homeless individuals who previously served in the armed forces but are not considered eligible veterans for the purpose of obtaining VASH assistance. The Committee directs HUD to develop strategies and recommendations to better identify this specific sub-population and reduce instances of homelessness among them by utilizing existing HUD resources.

Tenant protection.—The Committee provides \$60,000,000 for tenant protection vouchers, which is \$50,000,000 below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

Administrative fees.—The Committee provides \$1,550,000,000 for allocations to Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to conduct activities associated with placing and maintaining individuals under Section 8 assistance. This amount is \$100,000,000 below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

Sec. 811 mainstream vouchers.—The Committee provides \$150,000,000 for Section 811 tenant-based subsidies. This level is \$30,000,000 above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$42,926,000 above the budget request. These vouchers serve non-elderly persons with disabilities and the Committee prioritizes additional funding in support of this especially vulnerable population. The Committee directs HUD to issue guidance to the housing agencies administering these vouchers to continue to serve people with disabilities upon turnover.

Public housing authority modernization.—The Committee provides \$10,000,000 for allocations to PHAs to modernize information technology systems that manage program and funding data. The Committee expects HUD to prioritize funding to projects that automate business processes and thereby lower PHA administrative costs.

PHA notification.—The Committee continues in bill language the direction to the Department to communicate to each PHA, within 60 days of enactment of this Act, the amount that will be made available to each PHA for fiscal year 2018. The amount provided in this account is the only source of federal funds that may be used to renew tenant-based vouchers. The amounts appropriated here may not be augmented from any other source.

Public housing assessment system.—The Committee directs HUD to study and report back to the Committee on potential changes to the public housing assessment system for PHAs that operate 550 or fewer public housing units and housing choice vouchers combined by taking into consideration physical inspections and an annual financial assessment based on current assets and liabilities. The Department shall deliver a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of its findings within 60 days of enactment of this Act. The Committee remains interested in ways to reduce onerous regulations for small public housing authorities.

Unit cost inflation and PHA administrative burdens.—Nearly three-quarters of HUD's annual appropriations are devoted to the cost of renewing rent subsidies, and, without changes, rent subsidy inflation will consume more and more taxpayer resources just to support the same number of households. In addition to keeping pace with inflation, increased leasing and other factors have increased the overall number of units subsidized by annual appropriations by over 67,000 units (including vouchers and permanent supportive housing) from 2012 to 2016.

The Committee supports efforts to reform HUD's subsidized housing programs to address per unit costs so that supporting subsidized units remains fiscally sustainable. The President's Budget proposes a series of statutory reforms intended to forward this goal. However, the vast majority of these proposals require changes in authorizing law that are beyond the Committee's jurisdiction. The recommendation encourages the Secretary to work expeditiously toward identifying a legislative reform package that is agreeable to both the Administration and the relevant committees of jurisdiction.

In the meantime, the Committee directs the Secretary to identify and execute administrative and regulatory actions within HUD's existing authorities that will reduce administrative burdens on PHAs and free these state and local partners to devote more resources to serving residents rather than bureaucratic requirements. The Committee believes that several regulations and HUD policy requirements have been expanded beyond what is statutorily required. This expansion not only increases administrative cost per unit but in many instances undermines PHA ability to deliver safe and affordable housing stock to low-income families. Actions to be taken by HUD shall include but not be limited to waivers of and changes to regulatory provisions and policy guidelines related to (1) PHA administrative, planning, and reporting requirements, (2) au-

ditions including energy audits, (3) income verifications and re-certifications, and (4) program assessments. It is critical that these actions do not invalidate HUD's oversight requirements but rather alleviate administrative burdens by reforming policies and programs that have little to no operational benefit for PHAs or are outside their realm of responsibility and expertise. The following regulations are just a few examples of policies that appear ripe for reform: (1) PHA plan requirements, (2) environmental review requirements, and (3) energy and utility data collection requirements. Further, the magnitude of regulations issued by HUD coupled with the growing cost of serving assisted families puts small PHAs at a special disadvantage. In carrying out the above direction to reduce administrative burdens, the Secretary shall give special consideration to actions that will provide relief to PHAs that serve 550 or fewer public housing units and housing choice vouchers combined.

While reducing administrative burdens is imperative, the Committee recognizes that HUD must strike a balance between administrative relief and responsible oversight. Therefore, when carrying out this directive, HUD shall safeguard its oversight responsibilities adequate to protect resident health and safety, taxpayer investment, and a safe and decent affordable housing stock. HUD shall deliver a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 60 days of enactment of this Act that identifies what administrative relief actions it will carry out in fiscal year 2018, explains why remaining oversight safeguards will be adequate, and outlines the approximate timeline for HUD to execute all identified actions.

Quality assurance of physical inspections.—The Committee is troubled by reports of deplorable living conditions found in some HUD-subsidized properties across the country. The scope of this issue spans geographic regions, highlights systemic problems, and calls into question the effectiveness of HUD oversight, and the Real Estate Assessment Center's inspections of HUD-assisted housing. The Committee encourages the Department to work with Congress on enforcement actions, including civil monetary penalties, that HUD can take to ensure PHAs and landlords maintain the physical quality of HUD-assisted units. Similarly, while the Committee is supportive of efforts to quickly issue tenant-protection vouchers, the issuance of these vouchers is a tacit acknowledgement that the Department has failed to ensure units are maintained as decent, safe and sanitary. Additionally, failure to maintain the physical condition of HUD-assisted properties results in a loss of critical affordable housing, and tenant protection vouchers are of questionable value to families that encounter a lack of affordable housing in their communities. The Committee directs the Department to solicit comments from stakeholders, including tenants, to identify ways the Department can improve its inspection protocols and oversight. The Committee will continue to closely monitor the Department's efforts and progress and directs the Department to submit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 60 days of enactment of this Act a report which includes a plan for how HUD could improve the inspection process and related protocols including quality assurance of inspections, a list of actions yet

to be implemented, an update on the status of actions undertaken, and a timeline for how long it would take to complete all actions.

HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND
(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

The Housing Certificate Fund, until fiscal year 2005, provided funding for both the project-based and tenant-based components of the Section 8 program. Project-Based Rental Assistance and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance are now separately funded accounts. The Housing Certificate Fund retains balances from previous years' appropriations.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Language is included to allow unobligated balances from specific accounts to renew or amend Project-Based Rental Assistance contracts.

PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$1,941,500,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	628,000,000
Recommended in the bill	1,850,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	- 91,500,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+1,222,000,000

The public housing capital fund provides funding for public housing capital programs, including public housing development and modernization. Examples of capital modernization projects include replacing roofs and windows, improving common spaces, upgrading electrical and plumbing systems, and renovating the interior of an apartment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$1,850,000,000 for the public housing capital fund, which is \$91,500,000 below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$1,222,000,000 above the budget request.

Within the amounts provided, the Committee directs that:

—No more than \$8,300,000 is directed to support the ongoing public housing financial and physical assessment activities of the Real Estate Assessment Center;

—Up to \$20,000,000 is made available for emergency capital needs, excluding Presidentially-declared disasters. The Committee includes language to ensure that funds are used only for repairs needed due to an unforeseen and unanticipated emergency event or natural disaster that occurs during fiscal year 2018, or for certain security measures;

—\$35,000,000 is for the resident opportunity and self-sufficiency program; and

—\$15,000,000 is provided for the Jobs-Plus program to improve employment opportunities and earnings of public housing residents.

Physical needs assessment prohibition.—The Committee has included bill language prohibiting funds for HUD's Physical Needs Assessment (PNA) requirement for PHAs. Implementation of PNA requirements on PHAs unnecessarily increases administrative bur-

dens on PHAs and appears to have no operational benefit for local housing programs.

Public housing mortgage program.—In fiscal year 2017, Congress directed the Secretary to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the utilization of the public housing mortgage program (PHMP), specifying existing program impediments, the Department’s plan to address those impediments, and if the PHMP can be a useful tool to address public housing capital needs no later than 90 days after enactment.

For fiscal year 2018, the Committee further directs the Secretary to create a research advisory committee which shall advise the Secretary with respect to policy and regulatory changes that would allow for increased use of the PHMP no later than 60 days after enactment of this bill. The advisory committee shall include program and research experts from the agency, industry groups, PHAs, private and multifamily mortgage lenders, and tenant advocacy groups. The research advisory committee shall collaborate on evidence-based best practices to ensure tenant protections while encouraging PHAs to leverage private capital for the modernization of their portfolio through the capital markets. The Secretary shall supply the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations with quarterly reports relating to the progress of the research advisory committee and shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no later than 180 days after enactment.

PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$4,400,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	3,900,000,000
Recommended in the bill	4,400,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	— — —
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+500,000,000

The public housing operating fund subsidizes the costs associated with operating and maintaining public housing. This subsidy supplements funding received by public housing authorities from tenant rent contributions and other income. In accordance with section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, funds are allocated by formula to public housing authorities for the following purposes: utility costs; anti-crime and anti-drug activities, including the costs of providing adequate security; routine maintenance cost; administrative costs; and general operating expenses.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$4,400,000,000 for the federal share of PHA operating expenses. This amount is the same as the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$500,000,000 above the budget request.

Substance abuse and safety.—The Committee is aware of concerns regarding criminal activity and substance abuse in public housing. While access to public housing is critical for all low-income residents, the Committee believes it is equally important that a safe and nurturing environment be available for children and families. The Committee directs the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, with appropriate consultation and collaboration with PHAs, to review current policies and regula-

tions regarding substance abuse and criminal activity. This review should include a determination of whether policies are effective in promoting both access and safety for families in public housing units. The Committee encourages this review to propose any suggested adjustments and changes to existing statutes or regulations in order to deter criminal activity on public housing property. This report shall be transmitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

Alexander County Housing Authority.—The Committee takes notice of the events unfolding in Alexander County, Illinois and expects HUD to work with the community to find adequate housing for public housing residents displaced due to alleged financial mismanagement and fraud by previous PHA leadership that resulted in unlivable conditions and financial insolvency preceding HUD placing the PHA in receivership. Further, the Committee expects HUD to work expeditiously to investigate and resolve the root causes for the receivership and to return the housing authority to local control as soon as local officials can demonstrate the capacity to responsibly manage the Alexander County Housing Authority’s portfolio.

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$137,500,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---
Recommended in the bill	20,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	- 117,500,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+ 20,000,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$20,000,000 for the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Program, which is \$117,500,000 below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$20,000,000 above the budget request. The Committee encourages the Department to give prior year planning grant recipients priority consideration when awarding implementation grants.

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$75,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	75,000,000
Recommended in the bill	75,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	---
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---

The Family Self-Sufficiency program funds coordinators to help HUD-assisted residents achieve economic independence.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee provides \$75,000,000 to support the Family Self-Sufficiency program. This is the same as the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and the same as the budget request. The Committee expects the Department to prioritize assistance to individuals and families that results in job stability, increased tenant incomes, and greater rent contributions.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$654,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	600,000,000
Recommended in the bill	654,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	---
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+54,000,000

The Native American Housing Block Grants program, authorized by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), provides funds to American Indian tribes and their Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) to address affordable housing needs within their communities.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$654,000,000 for Native American Housing Block Grants, which is the same as the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$54,000,000 above the budget request.

—\$3,500,000 is for organizations representing Native American housing interests to provide training and technical assistance to Indian housing authorities and TDHEs. Of this amount, no less than \$2,000,000 is for a national organization as authorized under NAHASDA.

—\$2,000,000 is for Title VI loan guarantees up to \$17,391,304.

Bill language is included to reduce formula allocation funding from any grantee that has an unexpended balance greater than three times its formula allocation.

INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Credit subsidy:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$7,227,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---
Recommended in the bill	7,227,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	---
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+7,227,000
Limitation on guaranteed loans:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	1,762,682,927
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---
Recommended in the bill	1,953,243,243
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	+190,560,316
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+1,953,243,243

Section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 establishes a loan guarantee program for Native American individuals and housing authorities to build new housing or purchase existing housing on trust land. This program provides access to private financing that otherwise might be unavailable because of the unique legal status of Indian trust land.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$7,227,000 in new credit subsidy for the Section 184 loan guarantee program, which is the same as the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$7,227,000 above the budget request. This will guarantee a loan volume of \$1,953,243,243, which

is \$190,560,316 above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$1,953,243,243 above the budget request.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$6,803,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	2,580,000,000
Recommended in the bill	6,594,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	- 209,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+4,014,000,000

The Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) is responsible for administering the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), the Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), Homeless Assistance Grants (HAG), and other HUD community development programs. Most of these programs pass Federal funds through to state and local governments and other entities to address housing and development needs.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$6,594,000,000 for Community Planning and Development programs, which is \$209,000,000 below the fiscal year 2017 enacted and \$4,014,000,000 above the budget request.

Veterans' service organizations.—The Committee encourages HUD to examine ways to work with existing, eligible veterans' service organizations to improve their facilities. The Department is encouraged to examine existing programs to evaluate the feasibility of making grants available for facility rehabilitation at eligible veterans' service organizations. The Committee recognizes the important role local veterans' service organizations play in community development and support.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$356,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	330,000,000
Recommended in the bill	356,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	- - -
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+\$26,000,000

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program provides states and localities with resources to address the housing needs of low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS. Funding is distributed by formula to qualifying states and metropolitan areas based on the cumulative incidences of AIDS reported to the Centers for Disease Control. Government recipients are required to have a HUD-approved Comprehensive Plan or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends a total of \$356,000,000 for the HOPWA program, which is the same as the fiscal year 2017 enacted and \$26,000,000 above the budget request. The Committee recommendation includes formula grants and funding for the re-

newal of certain expiring contracts that were previously funded under HOPWA competitive grants.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$3,060,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---
Recommended in the bill	2,960,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	- 100,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+2,960,000,000

The Community Development Fund, authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), provides funding, primarily through Community Development Block Grants, to state and local governments and other eligible entities to carry out community and economic development activities.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends a total of \$2,960,000,000 for the Community Development Fund account, which is \$100,000,000 below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$2,960,000,000 above the budget request.

Of the amounts made available:

—\$2,900,000,000 is for the Community Development Block Grants (“CDBG”) formula program for entitlement communities and states. This is \$100,000,000 below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$2,900,000,000 above the budget request; and

—\$60,000,000 is for the Native American Housing and Economic Development Block Grant (also known as “Indian CDBG”), which is the same as fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$60,000,000 above the budget request.

Of the amount provided for the CDBG formula programs \$7,000,000 is for insular areas, per 42 U.S.C. 5306(a)(2), which is the same as fiscal year 2017 enacted level and the budget request. The recommendation continues language requiring the Department to notify grantees of their formula allocation within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN GUARANTEES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

	Budget Authority	Limitation on guaranteed loans
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	---	(\$300,000,000)
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---	---
Recommended in the bill	---	(300,000,000)
Bill compared with:		
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	---	---
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---	(+300,000,000)

The Section 108 Loan Guarantee program is a source of variable an fixed-rate financing for communities undertaking projects eligible under the Community Development and Block Grant (CDBG) program.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommendation continues the Section 108 Loan Guarantee program as a borrower-paid subsidy program, and

therefore recommends providing no budget authority. The Committee provides a limit on guaranteed loan volume of \$300,000,000 which is the same as the fiscal year 2017 enacted level. The budget request did not include a request for this loan guarantee authority.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$950,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---
Recommended in the bill	850,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	- 100,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+850,000,000

The HOME investment partnerships program provides block grants to participating jurisdictions (states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and insular areas) to undertake activities that expand the supply of affordable housing in the jurisdiction. HOME block grants are distributed based on formula allocations. Upon receipt of these Federal funds, state and local governments develop a housing affordability strategy to acquire, rehabilitate, or construct new affordable housing, or to provide rental assistance to eligible families.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$850,000,000 for activities funded under this account, which is \$100,000,000 below the fiscal year 2017 enacted and \$850,000,000 above the budget request.

People with disabilities and the elderly.—The Committee encourages the Department and grantees to utilize HOME funds to modernize, rehabilitate, and develop housing for people with disabilities and the elderly. The Committee notes that HOME funding is a flexible funding source that can leverage other capital to address the shortage of housing for the elderly and the disabled.

SELF-HELP AND ASSISTED HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$54,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---
Recommended in the bill	45,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	- 9,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+45,000,000

Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) funds are distributed through grants to nonprofit organizations and consortia that have experience in providing or facilitating self-help homeownership opportunities. Grant funds are used for land acquisition and improvements associated with developing new, decent dwellings for low-income persons, including those living in colonias, using the self-help model.

Section 4 Capacity Building funds are set-aside within this account for activities described under section 4(a) of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 9816 note). Section 4 funds are awarded to a limited number of non-profits, which use the funds to develop the capacity of community development corporations (CDCs) and community housing development organizations (CHDOs). The CDCs and CHDOs then undertake community development and affordable housing activities. Section 4 funds must be

matched by recipients with at least three times the grant amount in private funding.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$45,000,000 for this account which includes \$10,000,000 for SHOP: \$30,000,000 for Section 4 capacity building, including no less than \$5,000,000 for rural capacity building: and \$5,000,000 for capacity building grants to national rural housing organizations that operate capacity building activities in at least seven HUD regions.

The Committee urges that Section 4 funds be awarded competitively to non-profits to aid community development corporations and community housing development organizations. Further, the Committee recognizes that the Section 4 capacity building program strengthens the nation’s lower-income urban and rural communities through the expansion of affordable housing units.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$2,383,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	2,250,000,000
Recommended in the bill	2,383,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	---
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+133,000,000

The Homeless Assistance Grants account provides funding for programs under title IV of the McKinney Act, as amended by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009. HEARTH Act programs include the Continuum of Care (CoC) competitive grants, the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program, and the Rural Housing Stability Grants program.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$2,383,000,000 for the homeless assistance grants programs, which is the same as the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$133,000,000 above the budget request. The recommendation includes funding to support continuum of care project renewals of no less than \$2,106,000,000, at least \$270,000,000 in formula emergency solutions grants, and up to \$7,000,000 is available for the national homeless data analysis project.

Continuum of care renewals.—The funding level provided for continuum of care renewals is \$88,000,000 above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level, and \$113,000,000 above the budget request.

Emergency solutions grants.—The funding level provided for formula emergency solutions grants is the same as the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$20,000,000 above the budget request.

Performance-driven funding awards.—The Committee believes that holding projects accountable to their ability to demonstrate effectiveness through performance data is essential to getting the most out of limited federal resources. The Committee is encouraged by HUD’s commitment to this performance driven decision-making, and urges HUD to continue advancing these strategies to meet the goal of ending chronic homelessness. The recommendation continues language which mandates that the Secretary direct an increasing share of funding on the basis of system performance.

Continuum of care funding reallocation.—The recommendation includes language that directs the Secretary to prioritize funding to grantees that, when appropriate, reallocate funding from lower performing projects to higher performing projects.

Timeliness of contracts.—The Committee recognizes that significant work on housing and homelessness is done by smaller non-profit organizations across the country. As an acknowledgement of their contribution to HUD’s goals to address homelessness, the Committee encourages HUD to ensure these organizations do not carry a heavy cash flow burden due to the very slow flow of government contract dollars to these entities. As such, the Committee encourages HUD to agree to have all contracts signed and funds available to draw no more than 45 days beyond the beginning of the normal contract period.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$10,816,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	10,751,000,000
Recommended in the bill	11,082,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	+266,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+330,900,000

The project-based rental assistance account provides a rental subsidy to a private landlord tied to a specific housing unit so that the properties themselves, rather than the individual living in the unit, remain subsidized. Amounts provided in this account include funding for the renewal of expiring project-based contracts, including Section 8, moderate rehabilitation, and single-room occupancy contracts, amendments to Section 8 project-based contracts, and administrative costs for contract administration.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee provides a total of \$11,082,000,000, including \$400,000,000 provided as advance appropriations, for the annual renewal of project-based contracts. This funding level is \$266,000,000 above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$330,900,000 above the budget request.

The recommendation funds renewals, amendments, and provides 12 months of funding for all contracts in the portfolio to continue to provide safe and stable affordable housing to approximately 1.2 million households each year. The funding level does not assume any rental reforms proposed in the request.

Performance-based contract administrators (PBCAs).—PBCAs are public housing agencies, as defined by 42 USC 1437(a), which include state and local public housing authorities and their instrumentalities. They are responsible for conducting on-site management reviews of assisted properties, adjusting contract rents, and reviewing, processing, and paying monthly vouchers, among other tasks. PBCAs have been integral to the Department’s efforts to reduce improper payments, protect residents, and ensure properties are well maintained. In prior years, the Committee directed the Department to solicit and award PBCA contracts under full and open competition, without geographic limitation, and in accordance

with the Competition in Contracting Act and the Federal Acquisition Regulation. The Committee continues to reject any attempt to weaken the PBCAs’ comprehensive oversight of the properties administered under their management, diminish the applicability of Federal law, or limit out-of-state competition by reliance on letters from state attorneys general, as seen in the 2012 NOFA process, or otherwise.

HUD, however, has not been responsive to the Committee’s direction to conduct the solicitation and award of performance-based contracts to PBCAs a) under full and open competition, b) without regard to geographic limitations, c) in accordance with the Competition and Contracts Act and Federal Acquisition Regulation, and d) with comprehensive oversight—allowing a single PBCA to be responsible for each of the tasks associated with a particular property receiving project-based rental assistance, including all tasks currently assigned to PBCA contractors as well as any others which HUD may be authorized to use. Until the Committee gets assurances that HUD will respond appropriately, the Committee directs HUD to perform these functions in-house and provides adequate funding under the Management and Administration account.

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$502,400,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	510,000,000
Recommended in the bill	573,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	+70,600,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+63,000,000

The housing for the elderly (Section 202) program provides eligible private, non-profit organizations with capital grants to finance the acquisition, rehabilitation or construction of housing intended for low income elderly people. In addition, the program provides project-based rental assistance contracts (PRAC) to support operational costs for units constructed under the program.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$573,000,000, \$70,600,000 above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$63,000,000 above the budget request. This amount will fully fund Section 202 contract renewals and amendments in fiscal year 2018. The recommendation does not include rental reforms proposed in the budget request.

The recommendation provides \$483,000,000 for the renewal and amendment of project rental assistance contracts (PRAC), up to \$90,000,000 for service coordinators and the continuation of congregate services grants, and allows funds for property inspections and related costs.

The Committee continues to include bill language relating to the initial contract and renewal terms for assistance provided under this heading and language allowing funds to be used for inspections and analysis of data by HUD’s real estate assessment center (REAC) program office.

HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$146,200,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	121,300,000
Recommended in the bill	147,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	+800,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+25,700,000

The Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811) program provides eligible private, non-profit organizations with capital grants to finance the acquisition, rehabilitation or construction of supportive housing for disabled persons and provides project-based rental assistance to support operational costs for such units.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$147,000,000 for Section 811 activities, which is \$800,000 above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$25,700,000 above the budget request. This level will fully fund the project rental assistance and project assistant contract renewals and amendments in fiscal year 2018, and does not assume rental reforms proposed in the budget request. The Committee continues to include bill language allowing funds to be used for inspections and analysis of data by HUD's REAC program office.

HOUSING COUNSELING ASSISTANCE

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$55,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	47,000,000
Recommended in the bill	50,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	- 5,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+3,000,000

Section 106 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 authorized HUD to provide housing counseling services to homebuyers, homeowners, low and moderate income renters, and the homeless.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$50,000,000 for housing counseling assistance, \$5,000,000 below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$3,000,000 above the budget request.

The Committee notes that the economy continues to improve and foreclosures continue to decline. Foreclosure filings for 2016 were reported on 933,000 properties, which represents a 10-year low and a reduction of 14 percent from 2015. The foreclosure rate has stayed within a historically normal range for three years, even with the pipeline of legacy foreclosures resulting from the housing bubble. The Committee continues its commitment to counseling programs and provides funding above the requested level for HUD's housing counseling assistance program. Further the Committee continues to provide funding for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation's core program, which offers housing counseling services.

The Committee retains bill language that provides two-year funding availability to allow HUD flexibility to obligate recaptures and unobligated balances to support counseling activity rather than allowing the funds to expire. The bill retains language that re-

quires HUD to make grants within 180 days of enactment of this Act, and allows multi-year agreements, subject to the availability of annual appropriations.

The Committee encourages HUD to coordinate with FEMA's flood insurance advocate to ensure HUD counselors located in flood-prone states receive adequate training and information to educate future homeowners on their potential flood risks, associated flood insurance premiums, home mitigation measures available proven to reduce flood risk, and any federal assistance available for mitigation projects and activities.

RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$20,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	14,000,000
Recommended in the bill	14,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	-6,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---

The rental housing assistance account includes existing long-term project-based rental assistance contracts covering affordable housing units under the rent supplement and section 236 rental assistance payment (RAP) programs. Enacted in 1965 and 1974 respectively, these programs created affordable units for low-income families. Monthly payments are made to project owners from existing contract balances, and new budget authority for short-term extensions of expiring contracts and annual contract amendments. Contract amendments provide additional subsidy to below-market contracts where rents have been constrained and owners are unable to adequately service properties and perform ongoing maintenance.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$14,000,000 in funding for the rental housing assistance program, \$6,000,000 below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and equal to the budget request. This appropriation will fully fund contract amendment and extension needs in fiscal year 2018. The Committee continues bill language that allows HUD to use unobligated balances and recaptured funds for extensions and amendments.

PAYMENT TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING FEES TRUST FUND

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$10,500,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	11,000,000
Recommended in the bill	11,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	+500,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---

The National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, as amended by the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000, authorizes the Secretary to establish Federal manufactured home construction and safety standards for the construction, design, and performance of manufactured homes. All manufactured homes are required to meet the Federal standards, and fees are charged to producers to cover the costs of administering the Act. HUD estimates that there are 8 million manufactured homes built since 1976 that are currently in use.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends up to \$11,000,000 for the manufactured housing standards programs to be derived from certification label fees collected and deposited in the manufactured housing fees trust fund, established pursuant to the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000. The Committee does not provide a direct appropriation for this account. The recommendation is \$500,000 above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and equal to the budget request. This increase reflects the growth in production since 2011, which is projected to continue.

The Committee includes language allowing the Department to collect fees from program participants for the dispute resolution and installation programs. These fees are to be deposited into the trust fund and may be used by the Department subject to the overall cap placed on the account.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

	Limitation of direct loans	Limitation of guaran- teed loans	Administrative contract expenses
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$5,000,000	\$400,000,000,000	\$130,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	5,000,000	400,000,000,000	160,000,000
Recommended in the bill	5,000,000	400,000,000,000	135,000,000
Bill compared to:			
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	---	---	+5,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---	---	-25,000,000

The Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) mutual mortgage insurance program account includes the Mutual Mortgage Insurance (MMI) and cooperative management housing insurance funds. This program account covers unsubsidized programs, primarily the single-family home mortgage program, which is the largest of all the FHA programs. These include the Condominium, Section 203(k) rehabilitation, and Home Equity Conversion Mortgage programs (HECM) and the multifamily Cooperative Management Housing Insurance (CMHI) funds. The cooperative housing insurance program provides mortgages for cooperative housing projects of more than five units that are occupied by members of a cooperative housing corporation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends the following limitations on loan commitments in the MMI program account: \$400,000,000,000 for loan guarantees and \$5,000,000 for direct loans. The recommendation also includes \$135,000,000 for administrative contract expenses.

The Committee's recommendation for administrative contract expenses is \$5,000,000 above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$25,000,000 below the budget request. The increase over the prior year's level is for system automation, quality control efforts, and risk management improvements. The Committee denies authority to assess a new fee to augment administrative costs.

FHA loan limits.—The Committee directs HUD to review FHA loan limits in large land area counties that experienced a reduction of at least 25 percent to FHA loan limits in 2014 when the Housing

Economic Recovery Act's loan limits replaced those in the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008. The study should analyze if a county's geographic size distorts the FHA loan limit calculation and if home sales price data shows that FHA loan limits are inadequate for distinct subareas.

Home equity conversion mortgage (HECM).—The Committee continues bill language that lifts the statutory aggregate cap of 275,000 HECM loan guarantees in fiscal year 2018.

Eminent domain.—The Committee continues bill language that prohibits financing of properties obtained through eminent domain. The Committee continues to be concerned about proposals for local governments to seize underwater performing mortgages and then refinance them into an FHA product. The Committee required HUD to submit a report on April 1, 2014 detailing the effects using eminent domain for these purposes will have on the housing market, including FHA primary and refinance market, as well as the broader mortgage market, interest rates, homeownership, and affordability. The Committee continues to await the delivery of this report, and continues to prohibit HUD from financing mortgages for properties that have been subject to eminent domain.

Property assessed clean energy (PACE) loans.—The Committee includes bill language prohibiting funds from being used to purchase, guarantee, or insure any mortgage on properties that have a PACE loan in a first lien position—superior to the FHA loan. PACE loans are issued by state or local governments for energy efficiency improvements; are attached to the property, as opposed to the borrower; and often secured by an assessment or tax. Interest rates on these loans are significantly higher than typical mortgage rates, lines of credits, and even some credit cards.

Loans repaid by a tax or assessment enjoy a first lien position and, therefore, have priority in receiving proceeds in the event of a foreclosure. A PACE loan would be fully satisfied before the FHA mortgage. FHA's subordinate position increases the risk of loss to the MMI fund and by extension, taxpayers. The Committee notes that the MMI fund was forced to draw \$1,700,000,000 from the U.S. Treasury just four years ago to cover projected losses on loans it guarantees, and just reached its statutory capital reserve level just two years ago.

In 2010, the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) prohibited Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from purchasing a mortgage with an existing first lien PACE loan. In its role as conservator to the GSEs, FHFA stated that “one of the bedrock principles in the process is that the mortgages supported must remain in a first lien position.”

In 2015, HUD changed its policy and began allowing FHA to insure properties that have a first lien PACE loan. One year later, HUD stated PACE loans could not have super priority status. For delinquent PACE obligations on foreclosed properties, however, PACE has retained a first lien position. The new Administration is concerned about this risky position and is reviewing its policy related to PACE loans. Others are concerned that borrowers are not fully informed and aware of their legal and financial commitments. On April 5, the “Protecting Americans from Credit Entanglements Act of 2017” (PACE Act) was introduced in the Senate. This bill would increase transparency for homebuyers by requiring a Truth

in Lending Act disclosure that details the loan terms and conditions, consistent with other forms of home financing.

The Committee is concerned about HUD’s decision to allow an FHA mortgage to be in a second lien position to a PACE loan. The Committee supports energy efficiency improvements, but not at the expense of the MMI fund or general taxpayers. Further, interest rates on FHA projects could increase to reflect this increased risk, making the homebuying process less affordable for the very population that FHA mortgage were created to assist. Therefore, the Committee includes bill language that prospectively prohibits FHA from purchasing, insuring, or guaranteeing a property that has a PACE loan in a first lien position. Finally, the Committee notes that the prohibition does not eliminate the PACE program and consumers will continue to be able to fund energy efficiency improvements via a PACE loan or other financing mechanisms. This prohibition serves only to protect the MMI fund and taxpayers.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM ACCOUNT

	Limitation of direct loans	Limitation of guaranteed loans
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$5,000,000	\$30,000,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	5,000,000	30,000,000,000
Recommended in the bill	5,000,000	30,000,000,000
Bill compared to:		
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	---	---
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---	---

The Federal Housing Administration’s (FHA) general insurance and special risk insurance (GI and SRI) program account includes 17 different programs administered by FHA. The GI fund includes a wide variety of insurance programs for special-purpose single and multifamily loans, including loans for property improvements, manufactured housing, multifamily rental housing, condominiums, housing for the elderly, hospitals, group practice facilities, and nursing homes. The SRI fund includes insurance programs for mortgages in older, declining urban areas that would not otherwise be eligible for insurance, mortgages with interest reduction payments, and mortgages for experimental housing and for high-risk mortgagors who would not normally be eligible for mortgage insurance without housing counseling.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends a limitation on loan guarantees of \$30,000,000,000, equal to the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and the budget request. It includes a limitation of \$5,000,000 for direct loans, which is equal to the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and equal to the budget request. This program provides short-term purchase money mortgages to allow non-profit and governmental agencies to acquire single-family properties and resell to low income purchasers. However, use has declined recently due to the shortage of state/local government subsidies needed to offset participants’ development costs associated with administering the program.

The Committee encourages HUD to coordinate with FEMA’s flood insurance advocate and identify rehabilitation activities eligible under section 203(k) that also fulfill FEMA’s hazard mitigation

standards and to identify qualifying disaster mitigation rehabilitation options on its website and other promotional materials.

GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
GUARANTEES OF MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES LOAN GUARANTEE
PROGRAM ACCOUNT

	Limitation of guaran- teed loans	Administrative contract expenses
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$500,000,000,000	\$23,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	500,000,000,000	25,400,000
Recommended in the bill	500,000,000,000	25,400,000
Bill compared to:		
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	---	+2,400,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---	---

The Guarantees of Mortgage-Backed Securities Program facilitates the financing of residential mortgage loans insured or guaranteed by the Federal Housing Administration, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Rural Housing Services program. The Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA) guarantees the timely payment of principal and interest on securities issued by private service institutions such as mortgage companies, commercial banks, savings banks, and savings and loan associations that assemble pools of mortgages and issue securities backed by the pools. In turn, investment proceeds are used to finance additional mortgage loans. Investors include non-traditional sources of credit in the housing market such as pension and retirement funds, life insurance companies, and individuals.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation includes a \$500,000,000,000 limitation on loan commitments for mortgage-backed securities, as requested, and \$25,400,000 for the personnel costs of GNMA, to be funded by commitment and multiclass fees. The recommendation for personnel costs is \$2,400,000 above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$89,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	85,000,000
Recommended in the bill	85,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	-4,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---

Title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970, as amended, directs the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to undertake programs of research, evaluation, and reports relating to the Department's mission and programs. These functions are carried out internally and through grants and contracts with industry, nonprofit research organizations, educational institutions, and through agreements with state and local governments and other federal agencies. The research programs seek ways to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and equity of

HUD programs and to identify methods to achieve cost reductions. This appropriation is used to support HUD evaluation and monitoring activities and to conduct housing surveys. Finally, funds under this heading are used to support technical assistance activities to the various states, communities, and agencies that are charged with administering HUD's programs and funds.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$85,000,000 for this account, which is \$4,000,000 below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

Of the activities proposed in the budget, the Committee recommends up to \$50,000,000 for the core research programs, including market surveys, research support and dissemination, data acquisition, housing finance studies, research partnerships, and housing technology. The Committee recommends \$5,000,000 for new and continuing studies and demonstration evaluations, with up to \$2,000,000 for the Moving to Work study, up to \$1,500,000 to continue the Choice Neighborhoods study, and funds for the Family Unification Program and Family Self-Sufficiency evaluation and the Rental Assistance Demonstration Choice Mobility evaluation.

Further, the Committee's recommendation includes \$30,000,000 for all technical assistance. Of the funds made available under technical assistance, \$5,000,000 shall be available on a competitive basis to a non-profit or private sector organizations to provide technical assistance to distressed cities or regions.

Of the funds identified for technical assistance to troubled PHA's, the Committee strongly urges the Department to target truly troubled or at-risk PHAs requiring assistance to conduct basic business and housing responsibilities versus assisting with glitzy and bonus endeavors that reflect the previous Administration's strategies, such as energy performance contracts, but do little to fulfill basic needs.

The Committee directs HUD to publish the margin of error at the place level for the low-and-moderate income (LMI) American Community Survey data HUD used to determine CDBG eligibility for each place that has a margin of error that is 20% or greater. The Committee directs HUD to provide this data to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 90 days of enactment of this Act. Further, the Committee directs HUD to explore the use of administrative data sets to provide an alternative measure of area income for the CDBG program when standard data have large margins of error and to report its progress to the House and Senate within 90 days of enactment of this Act.

As in prior years, the bill includes a general provision in Title II that prohibits funds from being used for a doctoral dissertation research grant program. The bill includes a general provision in Title II that allows the Department to use prior year deobligated or unexpended funds made available to the Office of Policy Development and Research for other research and evaluations. The Committee provides this authority under the condition that any new obligations are subject to the regular reprogramming procedures outlined in Section 405.

The Committee looks forward to receiving studies required in the fiscal year 2017 Act: the options for measuring AMI using more lo-

calized methodologies; the feasibility of using these alternative measurements; and HUD’s plans to test the identified alternatives, and best practices and recommendations to address the displacement of lower-income families and long-time residents in urban areas; and loss of affordable housing across the nation, as required in the fiscal year 2017 Act.

FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$65,300,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	65,300,000
Recommended in the bill	65,300,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	---
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---

The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (OFHEO) is responsible for developing policies and guidance, and for providing technical support for enforcement of the Fair Housing Act and the civil rights statutes. OFHEO serves as the central point for the formulation, clearance and dissemination of policies, intra-departmental clearances, and public information related to fair housing issues. OFHEO receives, investigates, conciliates and recommends the issuance of charges of discrimination and determinations of non-compliance for complaints filed under Title VIII and other civil rights authorities. Additionally, OFHEO conducts civil rights compliance reviews and compliance reviews under section 3.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$65,300,000 for fair housing programs, equal to the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and the request. Of the total, \$24,300,000 is for the fair housing assistance programs; and \$39,200,000 for the fair housing initiative programs, of which not less than \$7,450,000 is for education and outreach programs. A total of \$300,000 is for the limited English proficiency initiative and \$1,500,000 is for the National Fair Housing Training Academy (NFHTA). The Committee directs the Department to investigate transitioning training provided by NFHTA to computer and web-based training courses, and directs HUD to provide the committee within 90 days of enactment of this Act, costs and revenues associated with operating NHFTA, and costs and revenues associated with a web-based training model. Further, the Committee directs HUD to focus resources on education, outreach, and training initiatives, and supporting local and state organizations that conduct investigations and adjudicate claims.

Spend plan.—The Committee directs the Department to provide a spend plan for all funds and activities in this account concurrent with the fiscal year 2018 operating plan and provide 3 days’ notice prior to the announcement of any grant.

Affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH).—A number of communities and local organizations have expressed concern that the guidance provided by HUD regarding compliance with the new AFFH rule is vague, and the communication with stakeholders regarding requirements and compliance is lacking. In fiscal year 2017, the Committee directed HUD to address these concerns, and continue to refine the tools and resources available to stakeholders

to comply with the new rule. The Committee directs HUD to submit a report 90 days after enactment of this Act summarizing activity taken in fiscal year 2017 and plans for fiscal year 2018 to make compliance with this rule more transparent.

The Committee continues to carry bill language prohibiting HUD from directing a grant to make zoning changes as part of carrying out the AFFH rule.

Disparate impact and insurance.—The Committee notes that the McCarran-Ferguson Act of 1945 explicitly states that, “unless a Federal law specifically relates to the business of insurance, that law shall not apply where it would interfere with State insurance regulation.”

The Fair Housing Act does not specifically relate to the business of insurance. In fact, The United States District Court, Northern Division of Illinois found that “HUD’s response to the insurance industry’s concerns [regarding the Disparate Impact Rule] was arbitrary and capricious” and remanded a portion of the “Implementation of the Fair Housing Act’s Discriminatory Effects Standard” rule regarding insurance back to HUD for further consideration and explanation.

The Committee is concerned that HUD continues to assert insurance regulatory authority that contradicts the McCarran-Ferguson statutory mandate and the limitations on disparate impact liability set forth by the US Supreme Court in *Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v The Inclusive Communities Project, Inc.*, 135 S.Ct. 2507 (2015).

OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY HOMES

LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$145,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	130,000,000
Recommended in the bill	130,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	– 15,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	– – –

The Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes is responsible for administering the lead-based paint hazard reduction program authorized by Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992. The office also addresses multiple housing-related health hazards through the healthy homes initiative, pursuant to the Secretary’s authority in sections 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z–1 and 1701z–2).

The office develops lead-based paint regulations, guidelines, and policies applicable to HUD programs and enforces the lead disclosure rule issued under Title X. For both lead-related and healthy homes issues, the office designs and administers programs for grants, training, research, demonstration, and education.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$130,000,000 for the lead programs, which is \$15,000,000 below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

The Committee recommends no more than \$25,000,000 for the healthy homes initiative, and directs the Department to fund activities aimed at reducing incidences of asthma, mold, pests and radon.

The Committee directs the Department to provide a spend plan for all funds and activities in this account concurrent with the fiscal year 2018 operating plan and provide 3 days' notice prior to the announcement of any grant.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$257,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	250,000,000
Recommended in the bill	150,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	- 107,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	- 100,000,000

The Information Technology Fund finances the information technology (IT) systems that support departmental programs and operations, including FHA Mortgage Insurance, housing assistance and grant programs, as well as core financial and general operations.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$150,000,000 in direct appropriations for the IT Fund to support Department-wide information technology system activities, which is \$107,000,000 less than the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$100,000,000 below the budget request. The Department requires approximately \$250,000,000 simply to operate basic telecommunication services and existing information technology contracts, and prior to enactment, the Committee will work to identify sources of funds to maintain and upgrade the Department's systems. The Committee strongly urges HUD to continue refining the services and contracts under the Department's Working Capital Fund so that IT services can be funded by the users.

The Committee directs HUD to continue its efforts to retire obsolete, unproductive, and expensive information technology systems, and streamline and consolidate current services contracts in an effort to direct resources for higher priority and more effective systems.

The Committee directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to evaluate the Department of Housing and Urban Development's information security framework for protecting information related to housing, community investment, and mortgage loans. Specifically, this review should identify (1) what entities collect, store, and process such data and connect with HUD systems and networks; (2) to what extent do requirements for the protection of the data defined by HUD align with federal guidance; and (3) how effective are the processes and procedures that HUD has in place to oversee the implementation of security and privacy protections for the data.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$128,082,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	126,000,000
Recommended in the bill	128,082,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	---
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+2,082,000

The Office of Inspector General (IG) provides agency-wide audit and investigative functions to identify and correct management and administrative deficiencies that create conditions for existing or potential instances of waste, fraud, and mismanagement. The audit function provides internal audit, contract audit, and inspection services. Contract audits provide professional advice to agency contracting officials on accounting and financial matters relative to negotiation, award, administration, re-pricing, and settlement of contracts. Internal audits evaluate all facets of agency operations. Inspection services provide detailed technical evaluations of agency operations. The investigative function provides for the detection and investigation of improper and illegal activities involving programs, personnel, and operations.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$128,082,000 for the Office of Inspector General, which is equal to the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$2,082,000 greater than the budget request. The Committee does not provide funds for any additional personnel.

The Committee has found the reports and investigations undertaken by the IG over the past few years to be interesting and pertinent to the work of the Committee.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

(INCLUDING RESCISSION)

Section 201 splits overpayments evenly between Treasury and State Housing Finance Agencies.

Section 202 prohibits funds from being used to investigate or prosecute lawful activities under the Fair Housing Act.

Section 203 requires any grant or cooperative agreement to be made on a competitive basis, unless otherwise provided, in accordance with Section 102 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989.

Section 204 relates to the availability of funds for services and facilities for GSEs and others subject to the Government Corporation Control Act and the Housing Act of 1950.

Section 205 prohibits the use of funds in excess of the budget estimates, unless provided otherwise.

Section 206 relates to the expenditure of funds for corporations and agencies subject to the Government Corporation Control Act.

Section 207 requires the Secretary to provide quarterly reports on uncommitted, unobligated, recaptured, and excess funds in each departmental program and activity.

Section 208 requires the Administration's budget and HUD's budget justifications for fiscal year 2019 be submitted in the identical account and sub-account structure provided in this Act.

Section 209 exempts GNMA from certain requirements of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990.

Section 210 authorizes HUD to transfer debt and use agreements from an obsolete project to a viable project, provided that no additional costs are incurred and other conditions are met.

Section 211 sets forth requirements for Section 8 voucher assistance eligibility, and includes consideration for persons with disabilities.

Section 212 distributes Native American Housing Block Grants to the same Native Alaskan recipients as in fiscal year 2005.

Section 213 authorizes the Secretary to insure mortgages under Section 255 of the National Housing Act.

Section 214 instructs HUD on managing and disposing of any multifamily property that is owned or held by HUD.

Section 215 allows the Section 108 loan guarantee program to guarantee notes or other obligations issued by any State on behalf of non-entitlement communities in the State.

Section 216 allows PHAs that own and operate 400 or fewer units of public housing to be exempt from asset management requirements.

Section 217 restricts the Secretary from imposing any requirements or guidelines relating to asset management that restrict or limit the use of capital funds for central office costs, up to the limit established in QHWRA.

Section 218 requires that no employee of the Department shall be designated as an allotment holder unless the CFO determines that such employee has received certain training.

Section 219 requires the Secretary to publish all notice of funding availability that is competitively awarded on the internet for fiscal year 2018.

Section 220 requires attorney fees for programmatic litigation to be paid from the individual program office and Office of General Counsel salaries and expenses appropriations, and requires the Department to submit a spend plan to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

Section 221 allows the Secretary to transfer up to 10 percent of funds or \$4,000,000, whichever is less, appropriated under the headings "Administrative Support Offices" or "Program Office Salaries and Expenses" to any other office funded under such headings.

Section 222 requires HUD to take certain actions against owners receiving rental subsidies that do not maintain safe properties.

Section 223 places a salary and bonus limit on public housing agency officials and employees.

Section 224 prohibits the use of funds for the doctoral dissertation research grant program at HUD.

Section 225 extends the HOPE VI program to September 30, 2018.

Section 226 requires the Secretary to notify the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations at least 3 full business days before grant awards are announced.

Section 227 prohibits funds to be used to require or enforce the Physical Needs Assessment (PNA).

Section 228 prohibits funds for HUD financing of mortgages for properties that have been subject to eminent domain.

Section 229 prohibits the use of funds to terminate the status of a unit of general local government as a metropolitan city with respect to grants under section 106 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

Section 230 allows funding for research, evaluation, and statistical purposes that is unexpended at the time of completion of the contract, grant, or cooperative agreement to be reobligated for additional research.

Section 231 prohibits funds to be used for financial awards for employees subject to administrative discipline in fiscal year 2018.

Section 232 allows program income as an eligible match for 2016, 2017, and 2018 Continuum of Care funds.

Section 233 permits HUD to provide one year transition grants under the continuum of care program with no more than 50 percent of the grant provided for costs of eligible activities of the program component originally funded.

Section 234 prohibits the use of funds to direct a grantee to undertake specific changes to existing zoning laws as part of carrying out the final rule entitled, “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing” or the notice entitled, “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Assessment Tool”.

Section 235 extends the mark to market program to September 30, 2022.

Section 236 prohibits new guarantees or insurance on properties with a PACE loan that is or has the potential to be in a superior lien position compared to the mortgage guaranteed or insured under the MMI fund.

Section 237 expands authorities under the Rental Assistance Demonstration program.

TITLE III—RELATED AGENCIES

ACCESS BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$8,190,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	7,928,000
Recommended in the bill	8,190,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	— — —
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+262,000

The Access Board was established by section 502 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 with the primary mission of ensuring accessibility for people with disabilities. The Access Board is responsible for developing guidelines under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Architectural Barriers Act, and the Telecommunications Act. The Access Board is responsible for developing standards under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act for accessible electronic and information technology used by federal agencies. The Access Board also enforces the Architectural Barriers Act and provides training and technical assistance on the guidelines and standards it develops.

The Access Board has been given responsibilities under the Help America Vote Act to serve on the Election Assistance Commission’s

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$106,000,000 for the salaries and expenses of the NTSB, which is equal to the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$830,000 greater than the budget request.

NTSB Academy.—The agency is encouraged to continue to seek additional opportunities to lease out, or otherwise generate revenue from the NTSB Academy, so that the agency can appropriately focus its resources on the important investigative work that is central to the agency’s mission. In addition, the agency is again directed to submit detailed information on the costs associated with the NTSB Academy, as well as the revenue the facility is expected to generate, as part of the fiscal year 2019 budget request.

NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

PAYMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$140,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	27,400,000
Recommended in the bill	140,000,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	---
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	+112,600,000

The Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation (NRC) was created by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Act (title VI of the Housing and Community Development Amendments of 1978). Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation now operates under the trade name ‘NeighborWorks America.’ NeighborWorks America helps local communities establish working partnerships between residents and representatives of the public and private sectors. These partnership-based organizations are independent, tax-exempt, community-based nonprofit entities, often referred to as NeighborWorks organizations.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$140,000,000 for fiscal year 2018, which is equal to the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$112,600,000 above the budget request.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$37,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	37,100,000
Recommended in the bill	37,100,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	+100,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	---

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) was created in the Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act of 1995 and is the successor agency to the Interstate Commerce Commission. The STB is an economic regulatory and adjudicatory body charged by Congress with resolving railroad rate and service disputes and reviewing proposed railroad mergers, as the regulation of other surface transportation carriers, including intercity bus industry and surface pipeline carriers, and household-goods carriers. The Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2015 (P.L. 114–110)

established the Board as a wholly independent agency and expanded the Board’s membership from three to five Board Members.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$37,100,000 for fiscal year 2018, which is \$100,000 more than the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and equal to the budget request. The STB is estimated to collect \$1,250,000 in fees, which will offset the appropriation for a total program cost of \$35,850,000.

UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

OPERATING EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	\$3,600,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	570,000
Recommended in the bill	570,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2017	- 3,030,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2018	- - -

The mission of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) is to coordinate multi-agency Federal response to homelessness.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$570,000 for the shut-down costs of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. This is \$3,030,000 below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and the same as the budget request. The Committee encourages the Administration to continue interagency outreach on homelessness strategies within available resources.

TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS, THIS ACT

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

Section 401 prohibits pay and other expenses for non-Federal parties intervening in regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings.

Section 402 prohibits obligations beyond the current fiscal year and prohibits transfers of funds unless expressly so provided herein.

Section 403 limits consulting service expenditures in procurement contracts to those contained in the public record.

Section 404 prohibits employee training not directly related to the performance of official duties.

Section 405 specifies requirements for reprogramming funds.

Section 406 provides that fifty percent of unobligated balances for salaries and expenses may remain available for certain purposes, subject to the approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

Section 407 prohibits the use of funds for any project that seeks to use the power of eminent domain, unless eminent domain is employed only for a public use.

Section 408 prohibits funds from being transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the U.S. Government, except where transfer authority is provided in this Act.

Section 409 prohibits funds in this Act from being used to permanently replace an employee intent on returning to his or her past occupation after completion of military service.

Section 410 prohibits funds in this Act from being used unless the expenditure is in compliance with the Buy American Act.

Section 411 prohibits funds from being appropriated or made available to any person or entity that has been convicted of violating the Buy American Act.

Section 412 prohibits funds for first-class airline accommodations in contravention of sections 301–10.122 and 301–10.123 of title 41 CFR.

Section 413 prohibits funds from being used for the approval of a new foreign air carrier permit or exemption application if that approval would contravene United States law or Article 17 bis of the U.S.-E.U.-Iceland-Norway Air Transport Agreement.

Section 414 restricts the number of employees that agencies funded in this Act may send to international conferences.

Section 415 caps the amount of fees the Surface Transportation Board can charge and collect for rate or practice complaints filed at the amount authorized for court civil suit filing fees.

Section 416 rescinds all unobligated balances from various salaries and expenses accounts.

Section 417 prohibits funds from being used to maintain or establish computer networks unless such networks block the viewing, downloading, or exchange of pornography.

Section 418 establishes a spending reduction account.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The following materials are submitted in accordance with various requirements of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

STATEMENT OF GENERAL PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following is a statement of general performance goals and objectives for which this measure authorizes funding: The Committee on Appropriations considers program performance, including a program's success in developing and attaining outcome-related goals and objectives, in developing funding recommendations.

RESCISSION OF FUNDS

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following lists the rescissions of unexpended balances included in the accompanying bill:

- \$800,000,000 of unobligated balances of contract authority apportioned to the States under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code for “Federal-aid Highways”;
- Such sums that are available from “Department of Housing and Urban Development—Housing Certificate Fund”;
- Section 201 rescinds 50% of funds that are recaptured from projects described in section 1012(a) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988.
- Section 416 rescinds all unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, from funds appropriated by Public

Law 155-31 for “Department of Transportation—Office of the Secretary—Salaries and Expenses”, “Department of Transportation—Office of the Secretary—Office of Civil Rights”, “Department of Transportation—Office of the Secretary—Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization and Outreach”, “Department of Transportation—Federal Transit Administration—Administrative Expenses”, “Department of Transportation—Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration—Operational Expenses”, “Surface Transportation Board—Salaries and Expenses”, “Access Board—Salaries and Expenses”, “Federal Maritime Commission—Salaries and Expenses”, “National Railroad Passenger Corporation—Office of Inspector General—Salaries and Expenses”, “National Transportation Safety Board—Salaries and Expenses”, and “United States Interagency Council on Homelessness—Operating Expenses”, and from “Department of Housing and Urban Development—Management and Administration”, “Department of Housing and Urban Development—Program Office Salaries and Expenses”.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following lists the transfers of unexpended balances included in the accompanying bill:

UNDER TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Account from which the transfer is made	Account to which the transfer is made	Amount
Office of the Secretary	Office of the Secretary	≈10% of certain funds subject to conditions
Various	Office of the Secretary, National Surface Transportation and Innovative Finance Bureau.	Such sums as necessary
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Federal Aviation Administration, Operations.	Federal Aviation Administration, Operations.	≈5% of certain funds subject to conditions
FHWA: Limitation on administrative expenses.	Appalachian Regional Commission	\$3,248,000
Maritime Administration, Maritime Guaranteed Loan (Title XI) Program Account.	Office of the Secretary, National Surface Transportation and Innovative Finance Bureau.	\$3,000,000

UNDER TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Account from which the transfer is made	Account to which the transfer is made	Amount
Administrative Support Offices	Information Technology Fund	≈\$10,000,000 subject to conditions
Executive Offices, Administrative Support Offices, Program Office Salaries and Expenses, Government National Mortgage Association.	Working Capital Fund	Such sums as necessary
Public and Indian Housing, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance.	Public Housing Capital Fund	≈\$10,000,000 subject to conditions
Administrative Support Offices	Program Office Salaries and Expenses	≈\$4,000,000 subject to conditions
Program Office Salaries and Expenses ..	Administrative Support Offices	≈\$4,000,000 subject to conditions
Housing for the Elderly	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	Such sums as necessary
Housing for the Elderly	Project Based Rental Assistance	Such sums as necessary

DISCLOSURE OF EARMARKS AND CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED
SPENDING ITEMS

Neither the bill nor the report contains any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

COMPLIANCE WITH RULE XIII, CL. 3(e) (ramseyer rule)

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in *italics*, existing law in which no changes is proposed is shown in roman):

COMPLIANCE WITH RULE XIII, CL. 3(e) (RAMSEYER RULE)

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in *italics*, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

**RAILROAD REVITALIZATION AND REGULATORY
REFORM ACT OF 1976**

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TITLE V—RAILROAD REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT
FINANCING

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SEC. 503. ADMINISTRATION OF DIRECT LOANS AND LOAN GUARANTEES.

(a) APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe the form and contents required of applications for assistance under section 502, to enable the Secretary to determine the eligibility of the applicant's proposal, and shall establish terms and conditions for direct loans and loan guarantees made under that section, including a program guide, a standard term sheet, and specific timetables.

(b) FULL FAITH AND CREDIT.—All guarantees entered into by the Secretary under section 502 shall constitute general obligations of the United States of America backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America.

(c) ASSIGNMENT OF LOAN GUARANTEES.—The holder of a loan guarantee made under section 502 may assign the loan guarantee in whole or in part, subject to such requirements as the Secretary may prescribe.

(d) MODIFICATIONS.—The Secretary may approve the modification of any term or condition of a direct loan, loan guarantee, direct loan obligation, or loan guarantee commitment, including the rate of interest, time of payment of interest or principal, or security requirements, if the Secretary finds in writing that—

- (1) the modification is equitable and is in the overall best interests of the United States;
- (2) consent has been obtained from the applicant and, in the case of a loan guarantee or loan guarantee commitment, the holder of the obligation; and

funds on deposit in the account in which the wages are deposited.

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UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1937

TITLE I—GENERAL PROGRAM OF ASSISTED HOUSING

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SEC. 24. DEMOLITION, SITE REVITALIZATION, REPLACEMENT HOUSING, AND TENANT-BASED ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR PROJECTS.

(a) **PURPOSES.**—The purpose of this section is to provide assistance to public housing agencies for the purposes of—

- (1) improving the living environment for public housing residents of severely distressed public housing projects through the demolition, rehabilitation, reconfiguration, or replacement of obsolete public housing projects (or portions thereof);
- (2) revitalizing sites (including remaining public housing dwelling units) on which such public housing projects are located and contributing to the improvement of the surrounding neighborhood;
- (3) providing housing that will avoid or decrease the concentration of very low-income families; and
- (4) building sustainable communities.

It is also the purpose of this section to provide assistance to smaller communities for the purpose of facilitating the development of affordable housing for low-income families that is undertaken in connection with a main street revitalization or redevelopment project in such communities.

(b) **GRANT AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary may make grants as provided in this section to applicants whose applications for such grants are approved by the Secretary under this section.

(c) **CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may not make any grant under this section to any applicant unless the applicant certifies to the Secretary that the applicant will—

(A) supplement the aggregate amount of assistance provided under this section with an amount of funds from sources other than this section equal to not less than 5 percent of the amount provided under this section; and

(B) in addition to supplemental amounts provided in accordance with subparagraph (A), if the applicant uses more than 5 percent of the amount of assistance provided under this section for services under subsection (d)(1)(L), provide supplemental funds from sources other than this section in an amount equal to the amount so used in excess of 5 percent.

(2) **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS.**—In calculating the amount of supplemental funds provided by a grantee for purposes of paragraph (1), the grantee may include amounts from other Federal sources, any State or local government sources, any private

contributions, the value of any donated material or building, the value of any lease on a building, the value of the time and services contributed by volunteers, and the value of any other in-kind services or administrative costs provided.

(3) EXEMPTION.—If assistance provided under this title will be used only for providing tenant-based assistance under section 8 or demolition of public housing (without replacement), the Secretary may exempt the applicant from the requirements under paragraph (1)(A).

(d) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Grants under this section may be used for activities to carry out revitalization programs for severely distressed public housing, including—

(A) architectural and engineering work;

(B) redesign, rehabilitation, or reconfiguration of a severely distressed public housing project, including the site on which the project is located;

(C) the demolition, sale, or lease of the site, in whole or in part;

(D) covering the administrative costs of the applicant, which may not exceed such portion of the assistance provided under this section as the Secretary may prescribe;

(E) payment of reasonable legal fees;

(F) providing reasonable moving expenses for residents displaced as a result of the revitalization of the project;

(G) economic development activities that promote the economic self-sufficiency of residents under the revitalization program, including a Neighborhood Networks initiative for the establishment and operation of computer centers in public housing for the purpose of enhancing the self-sufficiency, employability, an economic self-reliance of public housing residents by providing them with onsite computer access and training resources;

(H) necessary management improvements;

(I) leveraging other resources, including additional housing resources, retail supportive services, jobs, and other economic development uses on or near the project that will benefit future residents of the site;

(J) replacement housing (including appropriate homeownership downpayment assistance for displaced residents or other appropriate replacement homeownership activities) and rental assistance under section 8;

(K) transitional security activities; and

(L) necessary supportive services, except that not more than 15 percent of the amount of any grant may be used for activities under this paragraph.

(2) ENDOWMENT TRUST FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—In using grant amounts under this section made available in fiscal year 2000 or thereafter for supportive services under paragraph (1)(L), a public housing agency may deposit such amounts in an endowment trust to provide supportive services over such period of time as the agency determines. Such amounts shall be provided to the agency by the Secretary in a lump sum when requested by the agency, shall be invested in a wise and prudent manner, and shall be used (together with any interest

thereon earned) only for eligible uses pursuant to paragraph (1)(L). A public housing agency may use amounts in an endowment trust under this paragraph in conjunction with other amounts donated or otherwise made available to the trust for similar purposes.

(e) APPLICATION AND SELECTION.—

(1) APPLICATION.—An application for a grant under this section shall demonstrate the appropriateness of the proposal in the context of the local housing market relative to other alternatives, and shall include such other information and be submitted at such time and in accordance with such procedures, as the Secretary shall prescribe.

(2) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall establish criteria for the award of grants under this section and shall include among the factors—

(A) the relationship of the grant to the public housing agency plan for the applicant and how the grant will result in a revitalized site that will enhance the neighborhood in which the project is located and enhance economic opportunities for residents;

(B) the capability and record of the applicant public housing agency, or any alternative management entity for the agency, for managing redevelopment or modernization projects, meeting construction timetables, and obligating amounts in a timely manner;

(C) the extent to which the applicant could undertake such activities without a grant under this section;

(D) the extent of involvement of residents, State and local governments, private service providers, financing entities, and developers, in the development and ongoing implementation of a revitalization program for the project, except that the Secretary may not award a grant under this section unless the applicant has involved affected public housing residents at the beginning and during the planning process for the revitalization program, prior to submission of an application;

(E) the need for affordable housing in the community;

(F) the supply of other housing available and affordable to families receiving tenant-based assistance under section 8;

(G) the amount of funds and other resources to be leveraged by the grant;

(H) the extent of the need for, and the potential impact of, the revitalization program;

(I) the extent to which the plan minimizes permanent displacement of current residents of the public housing site who wish to remain in or return to the revitalized community and provides for community and supportive services to residents prior to any relocation;

(J) the extent to which the plan sustains or creates more project-based housing units available to persons eligible for public housing in markets where the plan shows there is demand for the maintenance or creation of such units;

(K) the extent to which the plan gives to existing residents priority for occupancy in dwelling units which are

public housing dwelling units, or for residents who can afford to live in other units, priority for those units in the revitalized community; and

(L) such other factors as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(3) APPLICABILITY OF SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary may determine not to apply certain of the selection criteria established pursuant to paragraph (2) when awarding grants for demolition only, tenant-based assistance only, or other specific categories of revitalization activities. This section may not be construed to require any application for a grant under this section to include demolition of public housing or to preclude use of grant amounts for rehabilitation or rebuilding of any housing on an existing site.

(f) COST LIMITS.—Subject to the provisions of this section, the Secretary—

(1) shall establish cost limits on eligible activities under this section sufficient to provide for effective revitalization programs; and

(2) may establish other cost limits on eligible activities under this section.

(g) DISPOSITION AND REPLACEMENT.—Any severely distressed public housing disposed of pursuant to a revitalization plan and any public housing developed in lieu of such severely distressed housing, shall be subject to the provisions of section 18. Severely distressed public housing demolished pursuant to a revitalization plan shall not be subject to the provisions of section 18.

(h) ADMINISTRATION BY OTHER ENTITIES.—The Secretary may require a grantee under this section to make arrangements satisfactory to the Secretary for use of an entity other than the public housing agency to carry out activities assisted under the revitalization plan, if the Secretary determines that such action will help to effectuate the purposes of this section.

(i) WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDING.—If a grantee under this section does not proceed within a reasonable timeframe, in the determination of the Secretary, the Secretary shall withdraw any grant amounts under this section that have not been obligated by the public housing agency. The Secretary shall redistribute any withdrawn amounts to one or more other applicants eligible for assistance under this section or to one or more other entities capable of proceeding expeditiously in the same locality in carrying out the revitalization plan of the original grantee.

(j) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) APPLICANT.—The term “applicant” means—

(A) any public housing agency that is not designated as troubled pursuant to section 6(j)(2);

(B) any public housing agency for which a private housing management agent has been selected, or a receiver has been appointed, pursuant to section 6(j)(3); and

(C) any public housing agency that is designated as troubled pursuant to section 6(j)(2) and that—

(i) is so designated principally for reasons that will not affect the capacity of the agency to carry out a revitalization program;

(ii) is making substantial progress toward eliminating the deficiencies of the agency; or

(iii) is otherwise determined by the Secretary to be capable of carrying out a revitalization program.

(2) SEVERELY DISTRESSED PUBLIC HOUSING.—The term “severely distressed public housing” means a public housing project (or building in a project)—

(A) that—

(i) requires major redesign, reconstruction or redevelopment, or partial or total demolition, to correct serious deficiencies in the original design (including inappropriately high population density), deferred maintenance, physical deterioration or obsolescence of major systems and other deficiencies in the physical plant of the project;

(ii) is a significant contributing factor to the physical decline of and disinvestment by public and private entities in the surrounding neighborhood;

(iii)(I) is occupied predominantly by families who are very low-income families with children, are unemployed, and dependent on various forms of public assistance;

(II) has high rates of vandalism and criminal activity (including drug-related criminal activity) in comparison to other housing in the area; or

(III) is lacking in sufficient appropriate transportation, supportive services, economic opportunity, schools, civic and religious institutions, and public services, resulting in severe social distress in the project;

(iv) cannot be revitalized through assistance under other programs, such as the program for capital and operating assistance for public housing under this Act, or the programs under sections 9 and 14 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (as in effect before the effective date under section 503(a) the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998), because of cost constraints and inadequacy of available amounts; and

(v) in the case of individual buildings, is, in the Secretary’s determination, sufficiently separable from the remainder of the project of which the building is part to make use of the building feasible for purposes of this section; or

(B) that was a project described in subparagraph (A) that has been legally vacated or demolished, but for which the Secretary has not yet provided replacement housing assistance (other than tenant-based assistance).

(3) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—The term “supportive services” includes all activities that will promote upward mobility, self-sufficiency, and improved quality of life for the residents of the public housing project involved, including literacy training, job training, day care, transportation, and economic development activities.

(k) **GRANTEE REPORTING.**—The Secretary shall require grantees of assistance under this section to report the sources and uses of all amounts expended for revitalization plans.

(l) **ANNUAL REPORT.**—The Secretary shall submit to the Congress an annual report setting forth—

(1) the number, type, and cost of public housing units revitalized pursuant to this section;

(2) the status of projects identified as severely distressed public housing;

(3) the amount and type of financial assistance provided under and in conjunction with this section, including a specification of the amount and type of assistance provided under subsection (n);

(4) the types of projects funded, and number of affordable housing dwelling units developed with, grants under subsection (n); and

(5) the recommendations of the Secretary for statutory and regulatory improvements to the program established by this section.

(m) **FUNDING.**—

(1) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated for grants under this section \$574,000,000 for **[fiscal year 2017.]** *fiscal year 2018*.

(2) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAM OVERSIGHT.**—Of the amount appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) for any fiscal year, the Secretary may use up to 2 percent for technical assistance or contract expertise, including assistance in connection with the establishment and operation of computer centers in public housing through the Neighborhoods Networks initiative described in subsection (d)(1)(G). Such assistance or contract expertise may be provided directly or indirectly by grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements, and shall include training, and the cost of necessary travel for participants in such training, by or to officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, of public housing agencies, and of residents.

(3) **SET-ASIDE FOR MAIN STREET HOUSING GRANTS.**—Of the amount appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall provide up to 5 percent for use only for grants under subsection (n).

(n) **GRANTS FOR ASSISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPED THROUGH MAIN STREET PROJECTS IN SMALLER COMMUNITIES.**—

(1) **AUTHORITY AND USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.**—The Secretary may make grants under this subsection to smaller communities. Such grant amounts shall be used by smaller communities only to provide assistance to carry out eligible affordable housing activities under paragraph (4) in connection with an eligible project under paragraph (2).

(2) **ELIGIBLE PROJECT.**—For purposes of this subsection, the term “eligible project” means a project that—

(A) the Secretary determines, under the criteria established pursuant to paragraph (3), is a main street project;

(B) is carried out within the jurisdiction of a smaller community receiving the grant; and

- (C) involves the development of affordable housing that is located in the commercial area that is the subject of the project.
- (3) MAIN STREET PROJECTS.—The Secretary shall establish requirements for a project to be considered a main street project for purposes of this section, which shall require that the project—
- (A) has as its purpose the revitalization or redevelopment of a historic or traditional commercial area;
 - (B) involves investment, or other participation, by the government for, and private entities in, the community in which the project is carried out; and
 - (C) complies with such historic preservation guidelines or principles as the Secretary shall identify to preserve significant historic or traditional architectural and design features in the structures or area involved in the project.
- (4) ELIGIBLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTIVITIES.—For purposes of this subsection, the activities described in subsection (d)(1) shall be considered eligible affordable housing activities, except that—
- (A) such activities shall be conducted with respect to affordable housing rather than with respect to severely distressed public housing projects; and
 - (B) eligible affordable housing activities under this subsection shall not include the activities described in subparagraphs (B) through (E), (J), or (K) of subsection (d)(1).
- (5) MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT.—A grant under this subsection for a fiscal year for a single smaller community may not exceed \$1,000,000.
- (6) CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT.—A smaller community applying for a grant under this subsection shall be considered an applicant for purposes of subsection (c) (relating to contributions by applicants), except that—
- (A) such supplemental amounts shall be used only for carrying out eligible affordable housing activities; and
 - (B) paragraphs (1)(B) and (3) shall not apply to grants under this subsection.
- (7) APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION.—
- (A) APPLICATION.—Pursuant to subsection (e)(1), the Secretary shall provide for smaller communities to apply for grants under this subsection, except that the Secretary may establish such separate or additional criteria for applications for such grants as may be appropriate to carry out this subsection.
 - (B) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall establish selection criteria for the award of grants under this subsection, which shall be based on the selection criteria established pursuant to subsection (e)(2), with such changes as may be appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subsection.
- (8) COST LIMITS.—The cost limits established pursuant to subsection (f) shall apply to eligible affordable housing activities assisted with grant amounts under this subsection.
- (9) INAPPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS.—The provisions of subsections (g) (relating to disposition and replacement of se-

verely distressed public housing), and (h) (relating to administration of grants by other entities), shall not apply to grants under this subsection.

(10) REPORTING.—The Secretary shall require each smaller community receiving a grant under this subsection to submit a report regarding the use of all amounts provided under the grant.

(11) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

(A) AFFORDABLE HOUSING.—The term “affordable housing” means rental or homeownership dwelling units that—

(i) are made available for initial occupancy to low-income families, with a subset of units made available to very- and extremely-low income families; and

(ii) are subject to the same rules regarding occupant contribution toward rent or purchase and terms of rental or purchase as dwelling units in public housing projects assisted with a grant under this section.

(B) SMALLER COMMUNITY.—The term “smaller community” means a unit of general local government (as such term is defined in section 102 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302)) that—

(i) has a population of 50,000 or fewer; and

(ii)(I) is not served by a public housing agency; or

(II) is served by a single public housing agency, which agency administers 100 or fewer public housing dwelling units.

(o) SUNSET.—No assistance may be provided under this section after **[September 30, 2017.]** *September 30, 2018.*

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MULTIFAMILY ASSISTED HOUSING REFORM AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 1997

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TITLE V—HUD MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REFORM

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Subtitle C—Enforcement Provisions

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Part 2—FHA Multifamily Provisions

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SEC. 579. TERMINATION.

(a) REPEALS.—

(1) MARK-TO-MARKET PROGRAM.—Subtitle A (except for section 524) is repealed effective **[October 1, 2017]** *October 1, 2022.*

(2) OMHAR.—Subtitle D (except for this section) is repealed effective October 1, 2004.

(b) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding the repeal under subsection (a), the provisions of subtitle A (as in effect immediately before such repeal) shall apply with respect to projects and programs for which binding commitments have been entered into under this Act before ~~【October 1, 2017】~~ *October 1, 2022*.

(c) TERMINATION OF DIRECTOR AND OFFICE.—The Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring and the position of Director of such Office shall terminate at the end of September 30, 2004.

(d) TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY.—Effective upon the repeal of subtitle D under subsection (a)(2) of this section, all authority and responsibilities to administer the program under subtitle A are transferred to the Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012**

TITLE II

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION

To conduct a demonstration designed to preserve and improve public housing and certain other multifamily housing through the voluntary conversion of properties with assistance under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, (hereinafter, “the Act”), or the moderate rehabilitation program under section 8(e)(2) of the Act, to properties with assistance under a project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act, which shall be eligible for renewal under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997, or assistance under section 8(o)(13) of the Act, the Secretary may transfer amounts provided through contracts under section 8(e)(2) of the Act or under the headings “Public Housing Capital Fund” and “Public Housing Operating Fund” to the headings “Tenant-Based Rental Assistance” or “Project-Based Rental Assistance”: *Provided*, That the initial long-term contract under which converted assistance is made available may allow for rental adjustments only by an operating cost factor established by the Secretary, and shall be subject to the availability of appropriations for each year of such term: *Provided further*, That project applications may be received under this demonstration until September 30, 2020: *Provided further*, That any increase in cost for “Tenant-Based Rental Assistance” or “Project-Based Rental Assistance” associated with such conversion in excess of amounts made available under this heading shall be equal to amounts transferred from “Public Housing Capital Fund” and “Public Housing Operating Fund” or other account from which it was transferred: *Provided further*, That not more than 225,000 units currently receiving assistance under section 9 or section

8(e)(2) of the Act shall be converted under the authority provided under this heading: *Provided further*, That tenants of such properties with assistance converted from assistance under section 9 shall, at a minimum, maintain the same rights under such conversion as those provided under sections 6 and 9 of the Act: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall select properties from applications for conversion as part of this demonstration through a competitive process: *Provided further*, That in establishing criteria for such competition, the Secretary shall seek to demonstrate the feasibility of this conversion model to recapitalize and operate public housing properties (1) in different markets and geographic areas, (2) within portfolios managed by public housing agencies of varying sizes, and (3) by leveraging other sources of funding to recapitalize properties: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall provide an opportunity for public comment on draft eligibility and selection criteria and procedures that will apply to the selection of properties that will participate in the demonstration: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall provide an opportunity for comment from residents of properties to be proposed for participation in the demonstration to the owners or public housing agencies responsible for such properties: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may waive or specify alternative requirements for (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment) any provision of section 8(o)(13) or any provision that governs the use of assistance from which a property is converted under the demonstration or funds made available under the headings of "Public Housing Capital Fund", "Public Housing Operating Fund", and "Project-Based Rental Assistance", under this Act or any prior Act or any Act enacted during the period of conversion of assistance under the demonstration for properties with assistance converted under the demonstration, upon a finding by the Secretary that any such waivers or alternative requirements are necessary for the effective conversion of assistance under the demonstration: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall publish by notice in the Federal Register any waivers or alternative requirements pursuant to the previous proviso no later than 10 days before the effective date of such notice: *Provided further*, That the demonstration may proceed after the Secretary publishes notice of its terms in the Federal Register: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding sections 3 and 16 of the Act, the conversion of assistance under the demonstration shall not be the basis for re-screening or termination of assistance or eviction of any tenant family in a property participating in the demonstration, and such a family shall not be considered a new admission for any purpose, including compliance with income targeting requirements: *Provided further*, That in the case of a property with assistance converted under the demonstration from assistance under section 9 of the Act, section 18 of the Act shall not apply to a property converting assistance under the demonstration for all or substantially all of its units, the Secretary shall require ownership or control of assisted units by a public or nonprofit entity except as determined by the Secretary to be necessary pursuant to foreclosure, bankruptcy, or termination and transfer of assistance for material violations or substantial default, in which case the priority for ownership or control shall be provided to a capable public or nonprofit entity, then a capable entity,

as determined by the Secretary, shall require long-term renewable use and affordability restrictions for assisted units, and may allow ownership to be transferred to a for-profit entity to facilitate the use of tax credits only if the public housing agency **preserves its interest** *or a nonprofit entity preserves an interest* in the property in a manner approved by the Secretary, and upon expiration of the initial contract and each renewal contract, the Secretary shall offer and the owner of the property shall accept renewal of the contract subject to the terms and conditions applicable at the time of renewal and the availability of appropriations each year of such renewal: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may permit transfer of assistance at or after conversion under the demonstration to replacement units subject to the requirements in the previous proviso: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may establish the requirements for converted assistance under the demonstration through contracts, use agreements, regulations, or other means: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall assess and publish findings regarding the impact of the conversion of assistance under the demonstration on the preservation and improvement of public housing, the amount of private sector leveraging as a result of such conversion, and the effect of such conversion on tenants: **Provided further**, That for fiscal year 2012 and hereafter, owners of properties assisted under section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, section 236(f)(2) of the National Housing Act, or section 8(e)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, for which an event after October 1, 2006 has caused or results in the termination of rental assistance or affordability restrictions and the issuance of tenant protection vouchers under section 8(o) of the Act, shall be eligible, subject to requirements established by the Secretary, including but not limited to tenant consultation procedures, for conversion of assistance available for such vouchers to assistance under a long-term project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act, which shall have a term of no less than 20 years, with rent adjustments only by an operating cost factor established by the Secretary, which shall be eligible for renewal under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note), or, subject to agreement of the administering public housing agency, to assistance under section 8(o)(13) of the Act, to which the limitation under subsection (B) of section 8(o)(13) of the Act shall not apply and for which the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may waive or alter the provisions of subparagraphs (C) and (D) of section 8(o)(13) of the Act: **Provided further**, That for fiscal year 2012 and hereafter, owners of properties assisted or previously assisted under section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, section 236(f)(2) of the National Housing Act, or section 8(e)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, for which a contract expires or terminates due to prepayment on or after October 1, 2006, has caused or results in the termination of rental assistance or affordability restrictions or both and the issuance of tenant protection vouchers under section 8(o) or section 8(t) of the Act, or with a project rental assistance contract under section 202(c)(2) of Housing Act of 1959, shall be eligible, subject to requirements established by the Secretary, including but not limited to tenant consultation procedures, for conversion of assistance available or provided for such

vouchers or assistance contracts, to assistance under a long-term project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act, which shall have a term of no less than 20 years, which shall have initial rents set at comparable market rents for the market area, with subsequent rent adjustments only by an operating cost factor established by the Secretary, and which shall be eligible for renewal under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note), or, subject to agreement of the administering public housing agency, to assistance under section 8(o)(13) of the Act, to which the limitation under subparagraph (B) of section 8(o)(13) of the Act shall not apply and for which the Secretary may waive or alter the provisions of subparagraphs (C) and (D) of section 8(o)(13) of the Act (“Second Component” herein): Provided further, That conversions of assistance under the Second Component may not be the basis for re-screening or termination of assistance or eviction of any tenant family in a property participating in the demonstration: Provided further, That amounts made available under the heading “Rental Housing Assistance” during the period of conversion under the [previous proviso] shall be available for project-based subsidy contracts entered into pursuant to the previous proviso: Second Component, except for conversion of section 202 project rental assistance contracts, shall be available for project-based subsidy contracts entered into pursuant to the Second Component: Provided further, That amounts, including contract authority, recaptured from contracts following a conversion under the [previous two provisos] Second Component, except for conversion of section 202 project rental assistance contracts, are hereby rescinded and an amount of additional new budget authority, equivalent to the amount rescinded is hereby appropriated, to remain available until expended for such conversions: Provided further, That the Secretary may transfer amounts made available under the heading “Rental Housing Assistance”, amounts made available for tenant protection vouchers under the heading “Tenant-Based Rental Assistance” and specifically associated with any such conversions, and amounts made available under the previous proviso as needed to the account under the “Project-Based Rental Assistance” heading to facilitate conversion under the [three previous provisos] Second Component, except for conversion of section 202 project rental assistance contracts, and any increase in cost for “Project-Based Rental Assistance” associated with such conversion shall be equal to amounts so transferred: Provided further, That the Secretary may transfer amounts made available under the heading “Housing for the Elderly” to the accounts under the headings “Project-Based Rental Assistance” or “Tenant-Based Rental Assistance” to facilitate any section 202 project rental assistance contract conversions under the Second Component, and any increase in cost for “Project-Based Rental Assistance” or “Tenant-Based Rental Assistance” associated with such conversion shall be equal to amounts so transferred: Provided further, That with respect to the [previous four provisos] Second Component, as applicable, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of the long-term impact of the fiscal year 2012 and 2013 conversion of tenant protection vouchers to as-

sistance under section 8(o)(13) of the Act on the ratio of tenant-based vouchers to project-based vouchers.

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CHANGES IN THE APPLICATION OF EXISTING LAW

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(1)(A) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted describing the effect of provisions in the accompanying bill which directly or indirectly change the application of existing law.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Language is included under Office of the Secretary, ‘Salaries and expenses’ specifying certain amounts for individual offices of the Office of the Secretary and official reception and representation expenses; specifying transfer authority among offices; and allowing up to \$2,500,000 in user fees to be credited to the account.

Language is included under the Office of the Secretary, ‘Research and technology’ which limits the availability of funds, changes the availability of funds, allows funds received from other entities to be credited to the account, and deems the title of the office.

Language is included under the Office of the Secretary, ‘National surface and innovative finance bureau’ which sets a notification requirement.

Language is included under the Office of the Secretary, ‘Cyber security initiatives’ which provides funds for information technology security upgrades; and changes the availability of funds.

Language is included under the Office of the Secretary, ‘Transportation planning, research, and development’ which provides funds for conducting transportation planning, research, systems development, development activities and making grants; changes the availability of funds; and specifies funding minimums for and authorities related to the Interagency Infrastructure Permitting Improvement Center.

Language is included that limits operating costs and capital outlays of the Working Capital Fund for the Department of Transportation; provides that services shall be provided on a competitive basis, except for non-DOT entities; restricts the transfer for any funds to the Working Capital Fund with approval; and limits special assessments or reimbursable agreements levied against any program, project or activity funded in this Act to only those assessments or reimbursable agreements that are presented to and approved by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

Language is included under the Office of the Secretary, ‘Minority business resource center’ which provides funds for financial education outreach, monitoring and modification of existing loans, and administrative expenses; and makes funds available for business opportunities related to any mode of transportation.

Language is included under Office of the Secretary, ‘Small and disadvantaged business utilization and outreach’ specifying that funds may be used for business opportunities related to any mode of transportation, and limits the availability of funds.

Language is included under the Office of the Secretary, ‘Payments to air carriers’ that allows the Secretary of Transportation to consider subsidy requirements when determining service to a

essary authority to investigate allegations of fraud by any person or entity that is subject to regulation by the Department of Transportation, the authority to investigate unfair or deceptive practices and unfair methods of competition by domestic and foreign air carriers and ticket agents, and allows funds to be available from forfeiture proceedings.

Section 180 provides authorization for DOT to maintain and operate aircraft, hire passenger motor vehicles and aircraft, purchase liability insurance, buy uniforms, or allowances therefor.

Section 181 limits appropriations for services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 to the rate permitted for an Executive Level IV.

Section 182 prohibits recipients of funds in this Act from disseminating personal information obtained by state DMVs in connection to motor vehicle records with an exception.

Section 183 stipulates that revenue collected by FHWA and FRA from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources for training be transferred into specific accounts within the agency with an exception.

Section 184 prohibits DOT from using funds for a grant, letter of intent, loan commitment, loan guarantee commitment, line of credit commitment of full funding grant agreement, of \$500,000 or more unless DOT gives a 3-day advance notice and a compressive list to Congress. Also requires notice of any "quick release" of funds from FHWA's emergency relief program. Prohibits notifications from involving funds not available for obligation.

Section 185 allows funds received from rebates, refunds, and similar sources to be credited to appropriations of DOT.

Section 186 allows amounts from improper payments to a third party contractor that are lawfully recovered by DOT to be made available to cover expenses incurred in recovery of such payments.

Section 187 requires that reprogramming actions have to be approved or denied by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, and reprogramming notifications shall be transmitted solely to the Appropriations Committees.

Section 188 allows funds appropriated to modal administrations to be obligated for the Office of the Secretary for costs related to assessments only when such funds provide a direct benefit to that modal administration.

Section 189 authorizes the Secretary to carry out a program that establishes uniform standards for developing and supporting agency transit pass and transit benefits, including distribution of transit benefits.

Section 190 prohibits the use of funds to implement any geographic, economic, or other hiring preference not otherwise authorized by law, unless certain requirements are met related to availability of local labor, displacement of existing employees, and delays in transportation plans.

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Management and administration' which designates funds for 'Executive offices'; designates funds for 'Administrative support offices'; specifies funding for shared service agreements, the office of the chief operations officer, the office of the chief financial officer, the office of the general counsel, the office of adminis-

tration, the office of the chief human capital office, the office of field policy and management, the office of the chief procurement officer, the office of the departmental equal employment opportunity, the office of strategic planning and management, and the office of the chief information officer; provides flexibility to transfer any remaining funds to any office under the same heading or under the heading 'Program office salaries and expenses'; allows for the transfer of a certain amount to the information technology fund; limits official reception and representation expenses to \$25,000; allows funds to be used for certain administrative and non-administrative expenses; and allows funds to be used for advertising and promotional activities that directly support program activities funded in this title.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Program office salaries and expenses' which specifies funds for the office of public and indian housing, the office of community planning and development, the office of housing, the office of policy development and research, the office of fair housing and equal opportunity, and the office of lead hazard control and healthy homes.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Tenant-based rental assistance' which specifies funds for certain programs, activities and purposes and limits the use and availability of certain funds; specifies the methodology for allocation of renewal funding; directs the Secretary to provide renewal funding based on validated voucher system leasing and cost data for the prior year; prohibits funds to exceed a public housing agency's authorized level of units under contract, except for those participating in the Moving to Work demonstration; directs the Secretary, to the extent necessary, to prorate each public housing agency's (PHA) allocation; directs the Secretary to notify PHAs of their annual budget the later of 60 days after enactment of the Act or March 1, 2018; allows the Secretary to extend the notification period with the prior approval of the House and Senate appropriations committees; specifies the amounts available to the Secretary to allocate to PHAs that need additional funds and for fees; specifies the amount for additional rental subsidy due to unforeseen emergencies and portability; provides funding for public housing agencies with vouchers that were not in use during the previous 12 month period in order to be available to meet a commitment pursuant to section 8(o)(13); and provides funding for public housing agencies that despite taking reasonable measures, would otherwise be required to terminate assistance for families as a result of insufficient funding.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Tenant-based rental assistance' which provides funds for tenant protection vouchers; sets certain conditions for the Secretary to provide such vouchers; provides funds for residents of multi-family properties that would not otherwise have been eligible for tenant-protection vouchers; sets eligibility requirements for multi-family properties to participate in the program; sets conditions for the reissuance of vouchers, and allows the Secretary to use unobligated and recaptured funds from prior years.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Tenant-based rental assistance' which provides

funds for administrative and other expenses of public housing agencies to administer the section 8 tenant-based rental assistance program; sets an amount to be available to PHAs that need additional funds to administer their section 8 programs, including fees to administer tenant protection assistance, disaster related vouchers, Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers and other special purpose vouchers; provides for the distribution of funds; provides for a uniform percentage decrease of amounts to be allocated if funds are not sufficient; establishes that 'Moving to Work' (MTW) agencies be funded pursuant to their MTW agreements; provides funds for section 811 mainstream vouchers; specifies that the Secretary shall track special purpose vouchers including a minimum renewal amount for vouchers targeted at veterans; provides funds for rental assistance and administrative costs associated with tribal veteran vouchers subject to certain conditions; and provides funds for the modernization of PHA information technology systems and allows the Secretary to transfer amounts to the 'Public housing capital fund' account for the same purpose.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Housing certificate fund' which rescinds prior year funds and allows the Secretary to use recaptures to fund project-based contracts and contract administrators.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Public housing capital fund' which specifies the total amount available for certain activities; limits the availability of funds; limits the delegation of certain waiver authorities; specifies an amount for ongoing Public Housing Financial and Physical Assessment activities of the Real Estate Assessment Center; specifies an amount for judicial receiverships, specifies an amount for emergency capital needs; specifies an amount for supportive services; specifies the amount for a Jobs-plus Pilot initiative and specifies that the initiative shall provide competitive grants; specifies that the Secretary may waive or specify alternative requirements; and specifies that the Secretary shall public notice of any waiver or alternative requirement; establishes a limitation on amounts that can be transferred; makes funds available for bonuses for high performing PHAs; and establishes requirements for notification of public housing agencies' formula allocations.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Public housing operating fund' which specifies the total amount available for certain activities; and modifies the period of availability.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Choice neighborhoods initiative' which allows the Secretary to make competitive grants for neighborhood rehabilitation; changes the availability of funds; allows funds to be used for services, development, and housing; declares funds not for "public housing"; requires a period of affordability; requires local planning and cost share; allows local governments, tribal entities, public housing authorities and non-profits to be grantees; allows for-profits to partner and apply with a public entity; requires grantees to partner with local organizations; establishes conditions for environmental review; requires grantees to create partnerships with other local organizations; requires the Secretary to consult with other

federal agencies; and allows prior year program funds and HOPE VI funds to be used for this program.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Family self-sufficiency' which allows the Secretary to waive or specify certain requirements, establishes entities eligible to compete for funding, allows the establishment of escrow funds, and allows the use of residual receipt accounts to hire coordinators.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Native American housing block grants' which limits the availability of funds; specifies the formula for allocation; specifies amounts for training and technical assistance; specifies an amount to support the inspection of Indian housing units; specifies an amount to guarantee notes and obligations as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; specifies that grantees are to be notified of their allocation within 60 days of enactment; and makes adjustments to certain recipient allocations under certain conditions without a regulation.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Indian housing loan guarantee fund program account' which specifies the amount and availability of funds to subsidize total loan principal, specifies how to define the costs of modifying loans, and provides a dedicated amount for administrative expenses.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Housing opportunities for persons with AIDS' which limits availability of funds and sets forth certain requirements for the allocation of funds, renewal of contracts, and grantee notification.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Community development fund' which limits the use and availability of certain funds; specifies the allocation of certain funds; prohibits grant recipients from selling, trading or transfer funds; prohibits the provision of funds to for-profit entities unless certain conditions are met; specifies the amount made available for grants to federally-recognized Indian tribes; prohibits funding for grants under the Economic Development Initiative, Neighborhood Initiatives, Rural Innovation Fund, and Section 107 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and requires grantee notification of formula allocations within 60 days of enactment.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Community development loan guarantees program account' which limits the principal amount of loan guarantees, directs the Secretary to collect fees from borrowers adequate to result in credit subsidy cost of zero, and rescinds all unobligated balances of budget authority previously appropriated or recaptured under the account.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Home investment partnerships program' which limits the availability of funds; specifies the allocation of certain funds for certain purposes; specifies multiple oversight requirements from prior acts that are not effective for projects committed on or after August 23, 2013 and shall instead be governed by the Final Rule entitled 'Home Investment Partnerships Program; Improving Performance and Accountability; Updating Property Standards'; and requires grantee notification within 60 days of enactment.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Self-help and assisted homeownership opportunity program' which specified funding amounts for certain programs, limits the period of availability, and specifies certain amounts for rural activities and organizations.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Homeless assistance grants' which limits the availability of funds; specifies the allocation of certain funds for certain purposes; specifies matching requirements; requires the Secretary to establish minimum performance thresholds for projects, prohibits the Secretary from funding continuum of care contract renewals unless certain requirements are met; requires the Secretary to prioritize funding to grant applicants that demonstrate a capacity to reallocate funding to higher performing projects; requires grantees to integrate homeless programs with other social service providers; allows certain funds to be administered by private non-profit organizations; allows unobligated balances and recaptures from certain project-based rental assistance grants and shelter plus care renewals to be used; requires notification of formula allocations within 60 days of enactment; and makes allowances for youth under the age of 24 who are served by the program.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Project-based rental assistance' which limits the availability of funds and specifies the allocation of certain funds for certain purposes; and allows the Secretary to recapture residual receipts from certain properties.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Housing for the elderly' which limits the availability of funds; specifies the allocation of certain funds; designates certain funds to be used only for certain grants; allows funds to be used for specified inspections or inspection-related activities; allows funds to be used to renew certain contracts; allows the Secretary to waive certain provisions governing contract terms; allows excess funds held in residual receipts accounts, after contract termination, to be deposited in this account, and limits the availability and use of these funds.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Housing for persons with disabilities' which limits the availability of funds; specifies the allocation of certain funds; allows funds to be used for inspections or inspection-related activities; allows funds to be used to renew certain contracts; allows funds held in residual account, after contract termination, to be deposited in this account, and limits the availability and use of these funds.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Housing counseling assistance' that provides funds for described purposes, limits the availability of funds, specifies amounts to be used for specified purposes, requires the Secretary to make grants within a specified time frame, and allows multiyear agreements subject to the availability of annual appropriations.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Rental housing assistance' that limits the availability of funds and allows the Secretary to use specified unobligated balances, including recaptures, carryover and other specified remaining funds for specified purposes.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Payment to manufactured housing fees trust fund' that limits the availability of funds from specified sources; permits fees to be assessed, modified, and collected; permits temporary borrowing authority from the general fund of the Treasury; provides that general fund amounts from collections offset the appropriation so that the resulting appropriation is a specified amount; requires fees collected to be deposited into the Manufactured Housing Fees Trust Fund; allows fees to be used for necessary expenses; and allows the Secretary to use approved service providers.

Language is included under the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Mutual mortgage insurance program account' which limits new commitments to issue guarantees, limits the obligations to make direct loans, specifies funds for specific purposes, specifies that the Secretary may insure specific mortgages only under certain conditions; specifies the extent that the commitment levels allows for additional contract expenses, and limits the availability of funds.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'General and special risk program account' which sets a loan principal limitation on new commitments to guarantee loans, limits the obligations to make direct loans, specifies funds for specific purposes, and limits the availability of funds.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Government national mortgage association' which limits new commitments to issue guarantees, provides funds for salaries and expenses, allows specified receipts to be credited as offsetting collections, allows for additional contract expenses as guaranteed loan commitments exceed certain levels, and limits the availability of funds.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Policy development and research' which limits the availability of funds, specifies authorized uses, and directs the submission of a spend plan.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Fair housing and equal opportunity' which limits the availability of funds, authorizes the Secretary to assess and collect fees, places restrictions on the use of funds for lobbying activities, and provides funds for programs that support the assistance of persons with limited English proficiency.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Office of lead hazard control and healthy homes' which changes the period of availability of funds, specifies the amount of funds for specific purposes, specifies the treatment of certain grants, and specifies a matching requirement for grants.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Information technology fund' which changes the period of availability and purpose of funds, including funds transferred.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, 'Office of Inspector General' which specifies the use of funds and directs that the IG shall have independent authority over all personnel issues within the office.

Section 201 splits overpayments evenly between Treasury and State HFAs.

Section 202 prohibits funds from being used to investigate or prosecute lawful activities under the Fair Housing Act.

Section 203 requires any grant or cooperative agreement to be made on a competitive basis, unless otherwise provided, in accordance with Section 102 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989.

Section 204 relates to the availability of funds for services and facilities for GSEs and others subject to the Government Corporation Control Act and the Housing Act of 1950.

Section 205 prohibits the use of funds in excess of the budget estimates, unless provided otherwise.

Section 206 relates to the expenditure of funds for corporations and agencies subject to the Government Corporation Control Act.

Section 207 requires the Secretary to provide quarterly reports on uncommitted, unobligated, recaptured, and excess funds in each departmental program and activity.

Section 208 requires the Administration's budget and HUD's budget justifications for fiscal year 2019 be submitted in the identical account and sub-account structure provided in this Act.

Section 209 exempts GNMA from certain requirements of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990.

Section 210 authorizes HUD to transfer debt and use agreements from an obsolete project to a viable project, provided that no additional costs are incurred and other conditions are met.

Section 211 sets forth requirements for Section 8 voucher assistance eligibility and includes consideration for persons with disabilities.

Section 212 distributes Native American Housing Block Grants to the same Native Alaskan recipients as in fiscal year 2005.

Section 213 authorizes the Secretary to insure mortgages under Section 255 of the National Housing Act.

Section 214 instructs HUD on managing and disposing of any multifamily property that is owned or held by HUD.

Section 215 allows the Section 108 loan guarantee program to guarantee notes or other obligations issued by any State on behalf of non-entitlement communities in the State.

Section 216 allows PHAs that own and operate 400 or fewer units of public housing to be exempt from asset management requirements.

Section 217 restricts the Secretary from imposing any requirements or guidelines relating to asset management that restrict or limit the use of capital funds for central office costs, up to the limit established in QHWRA.

Section 218 requires that no employee of the Department shall be designated as an allotment holder unless the CFO determines that such employee has received certain training.

Section 219 requires the Secretary to publish all notice of funding availability that is competitively awarded on the internet for fiscal year 2018.

Section 220 limits attorney fees and requires the Department to submit a spend plan to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

Section 221 allows the Secretary to transfer up to 10 percent of funds or \$4,000,000, whichever is less, appropriated under the

headings “Administrative Support Offices” or “Program Office Salaries and Expenses” to any other office funded under such headings.

Section 222 requires HUD to take certain actions against owners receiving rental subsidies that do not maintain safe properties.

Section 223 places a salary and bonus limit on public housing agency officials and employees.

Section 224 prohibits the use of funds for the doctoral dissertation research grant program at HUD.

Section 225 extends the HOPE VI program to September 30, 2018.

Section 226 requires the Secretary to notify the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations at least 3 full business days before grant awards are announced.

Section 227 prohibits funds to be used to require or enforce the Physical Needs Assessment (PNA).

Section 228 prohibits funds for HUD financing of mortgages for properties that have been subject to eminent domain.

Section 229 prohibits the use of funds to terminate the status of a unit of general local government as a metropolitan city with respect to grants.

Section 230 allows funding for research, evaluation, and statistical purposes that is unexpended at the time of completion of the contract, grant, or cooperative agreement to be reobligated for additional research.

Section 231 prohibits funds to be used for financial awards for employees subject to administrative discipline.

Section 232 allows program income as an eligible match for 2016, 2017, and 2018 Continuum of Care funds.

Section 233 permits HUD to provide one year transition grants under the continuum of care program.

Section 234 prohibits the use of funds to direct a grantee to undertake specific changes to existing zoning laws as part of carrying out the final rule entitled, “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing” or the notice entitled, “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Assessment Tool”.

Section 235 extends the mark to market program to September 30, 2022.

Section 236 prohibits new guarantees or insurance on properties with a PACE loan that is or has the potential to be in a superior lien position compared to the mortgage guaranteed or insured under the MMI fund.

Section 237 expands authorities under the Rental Assistance Demonstration program.

TITLE III—RELATED AGENCIES

Language is included for the Access Board, ‘Salaries and expenses’ that limits funds for necessary expenses and allows for the credit to the appropriation of funds received for publications and training expenses.

Language is included for the Federal Maritime Commission, ‘Salaries and expenses’ that provides funds for services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, the hire of passenger motor vehicles, uniforms and allowances; and limits funds for official reception and representation expenses.

Language is included for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Office of Inspector General, ‘Salaries and expenses’ that provides funds for an independent, objective unit responsible for detecting and preventing fraud, waste, abuse, and violations of law; promotes economy, efficiency and effectiveness at Amtrak; allows the IG to enter into contracts; select, appoint or employ officers and employees to carry out its functions; and requires the IG to submit its budget request concurrently with the President’s budget and in a similar format.

Language is included under National Transportation Safety Board, ‘Salaries and expenses’ that provides funds for hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft, services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, uniforms or allowances therefore, limits funds for official reception and representation expenses and allows funds to be used to pay for costs associated with a capital lease.

Language is included in the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation (NRC), ‘Payment to the neighborhood reinvestment corporation’ that specifies the allocation of funds.

Language is included for the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, ‘Operating expenses’ that provides funds for closure of the Council.

Language is included under Surface Transportation Board, ‘Salaries and expenses’ allowing the collection of a specified level of fees established by the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board, and providing that the sum appropriated from the general fund shall be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis as such fees are received.

TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS, THIS ACT

Section 401 prohibits pay and other expenses for non-Federal parties intervening in regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings.

Section 402 prohibits obligations beyond the current fiscal year and prohibits transfers of funds unless expressly so provided herein.

Section 403 limits consulting service expenditures in procurement contracts to those contained in the public record.

Section 404 prohibits employee training not directly related to the performance of official duty.

Section 405 specifies requirements for reprogramming funds.

Section 406 provides that fifty percent of unobligated balances for salaries and expenses may remain available for certain purposes, subject to the approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

Section 407 prohibits the use of funds for any project that seeks to use the power of eminent domain, unless eminent domain is employed only for a public use.

Section 408 prohibits funds from being transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the U.S. Government, except where transfer authority is provided in this Act.

Section 409 prohibits funds in this Act from being used to permanently replace an employee intent on returning to his or her past occupation after completion of military service.

Section 410 prohibits funds in this Act from being used, unless the expenditure is in compliance with the Buy American Act.

Section 411 prohibits funds from being appropriated or made available to any person or entity that has been convicted of violating the Buy American Act.

Section 412 prohibits funds for first-class airline accommodations in contravention of sections 301–10.122 and 301–10.123 of title 41 CFR.

Section 413 prohibits funds from being used for the approval of a new foreign air carrier permit or exemption application if that approval would contravene United States law or Article 17 bis of the U.S.-E.U.-Iceland-Norway Air Transport Agreement.

Section 414 restricts the number of employees that agencies funded in this Act may send to international conferences.

Section 415 caps the amount of fees the Surface Transportation Board can charge and collect for rate or practice complaints filed at the amount authorized for court civil suit filing fees.

Section 416 rescinds unobligated salaries and expenses balances from various accounts.

Section 417 prohibits funds from being used to maintain or establish computer networks unless such networks block the viewing, downloading, or exchange of pornography.

Section 418 establishes a spending reduction account.

APPROPRIATIONS NOT AUTHORIZED BY LAW

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(1)(B) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following table lists the appropriations in the accompanying bill which are not authorized by law for the period concerned (dollars in thousands):

Appropriations Not Authorized by Law and Expiring Authorizations

[Dollars in Thousands]

Program	Last year of authorization	Authorization Level	Appropriations in last year of authorization	Appropriations in this bill
Title I—Department of Transportation¹				
Office of the Secretary:				
Payments to Air Carriers ¹	2017	\$175,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Federal Aviation Administration: ¹				
Operations	2017	9,909,724	10,025,852	10,185,482
Facilities and Equipment	2017	2,855,000	2,855,000	2,855,000
Research, Engineering, and Development	2017	166,000	176,500	170,000
Grant-in-Aid for Airports	2017	3,350,000	3,350,000	3,350,000
Federal Railroad Administration:				
Safety and Operations	2013	293,000	169,254	218,298
Maritime Administration:				
Operations and Training ²	2017	224,146	175,560	175,620
Ship Disposal ²	2017	20,000	34,000	9,000
Maritime Security Program ²	2017	299,997	300,000	300,000
Assistance to Small Shipyards	2017	30,000	10,000	3,000
Title XI ²	2017	3,000	3,000	3,000

¹ The FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016 (P.L. 114–190) extends FAA Authorities through September 30, 2017.

² Reflects authorized amounts associated with maintaining national security aspects of the merchant marine per Pub. L. 114–328.

Title II—Department of Housing and Urban Development

Management and Administration	1994	\$1,029,496	\$916,963	\$1,350,671
Rental Assistance:				
Section 8 Voucher Renewals and Administrative Expenses	1994	8,446,173	5,458,106	20,486,725
Public Housing Capital Fund	2003	3,000,000	2,712,555	1,850,000
Public Housing Operating Fund	2003	2,900,000	3,576,600	4,400,000

Native American Housing Block Grants	2013	Such sums as necessary	616,001	654,000
Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund ...	2012	Such sums as necessary	6,000	7,227
Housing Opportunity for Persons with Aids	1994	156,300	156,000	356,000
Community Development Fund	1994	4,168,000	4,877,389	2,960,000
Community Development Loan Guarantee Limitation	1994	not applicable	not applicable	[300,000]
Home Investment Partnerships Program	1994	2,173,612	1,275,000	850,000
Choice Neighborhoods Initiatives	never	not applicable	not applicable	20,000
Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program	2001	Such sums as necessary	48,000	45,000
Homeless Assistance	2011	Such sums as necessary	1,901,190	2,383,000
Housing for the Elderly	2003	Such sums as necessary	783,286	573,000
Housing for Persons with Disabilities ...	2015	300,000	135,000	147,000
FHA General and Special Risk Program Account:				
Limitations on Guaranteed Loans	1995	Such sums as necessary	[20,885,072]	[30,000,000]
Limitation on Direct Loans	1995	Such sums as necessary	[220,000]	[5,000]
GNMA Mortgage Backed Securities Loan Guarantee Program Account:				
Limitations on Guaranteed Loans	1996	[110,000,000]	[110,000,000]	[500,000,000]
Administrative Expenses	1996	Such sums as necessary	9,101	25,400
Policy Development and Research	1994	36,470	35,000	85,000
Fair Housing Activities, Fair Housing Program	1994	26,000	20,481	65,300
Lead Hazard Reduction Program	1994	250,000	150,000	130,000
Title III—Related Agencies				
National Transportation Safety Board ...	2008	92,625	84,499	106,000
Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation	1994	30,714	31,715	140,000

PROGRAM DUPLICATION

No provision of this bill establishes or reauthorizes a program of the Federal government known to be duplicative of another Federal program, a program that was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139, or a program related to a program identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

DIRECTED RULE MAKING

The bill does not direct any rule making.

COMPARISON WITH THE BUDGET RESOLUTION

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and Section 308(a)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the following table compares the levels of new budget authority provided in the bill with the appropriate allocations under section 302(b) of the Budget Act:

BUDGET IMPACT OF FY 2017 TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PURSUANT TO SEC. 308(a), PUBLIC LAW 93-344, AS AMENDED

[In millions of dollars]

	302(b) Allocation		This Bill	
	Budget Authority	Outlays	Budget Authority	Outlays
Comparison of amounts in the bill with Committee allocations to its subcommittees: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies				
Mandatory	0	0	0	¹ 0
Discretionary	56,512	121,000	56,512	120,943

¹ Includes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

FIVE-YEAR OUTLAY PROJECTIONS

Pursuant to section 308(a)(1)(B) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the following table contains five-year projections prepared by the Congressional Budget Office of outlays associated with the budget authority provided in the accompanying bill:

[In millions of dollars]

Projection of outlays associated with the recommendation:	
2018	² 42,199
2019	37,122
2020	15,007
2021	6,314
2022 and future years	9,091

² Excludes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Pursuant to section 308(a)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the amounts of financial assistance to State and local governments is as follows:

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget Authority	Outlays
Financial assistance to State and local governments for 2018	32,331	² 32,174

² Excludes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
TITLE II - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT					
Management and Administration					
Executive Offices.....	14,000	14,708	14,708	+708	---
Administration Support Offices.....	517,647	517,803	518,303	+656	+500
Program Office Salaries and Expenses:					
Public and Indian Housing.....	216,000	216,633	216,633	+633	---
Community Planning and Development.....	110,000	107,554	107,554	-2,446	---
Housing.....	392,000	365,829	392,000	---	+26,171
Policy Development and Research.....	24,000	24,065	24,065	+65	---
Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.....	72,000	69,808	69,808	-2,192	---
Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes.....	9,353	7,600	7,600	-1,753	---
Subtotal.....	823,353	791,489	817,660	-5,693	+26,171
Total, Management and Administration.....	1,355,000	1,324,000	1,350,671	-4,329	+26,671
Public and Indian Housing					
Tenant-based Rental Assistance:					
Renewals.....	18,355,000	17,583,826	18,709,725	+354,725	+1,125,899
Tenant protection vouchers.....	110,000	60,000	60,000	-50,000	---
Administrative fees.....	1,650,000	1,550,000	1,550,000	-100,000	---
Sec. 811 mainstream voucher renewals.....	120,000	107,074	150,000	+30,000	+42,926
Incremental VASH vouchers.....	40,000	---	---	-40,000	---
VASH renewals.....	---	---	(577,000)	(+577,000)	(+577,000)

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
Tribal veterans affairs supportive housing renewals.....	7,000	7,000	7,000	---	---
Incremental family unification vouchers.....	10,000	---	---	-10,000	---
PHA Modernization.....	---	10,000	10,000	+10,000	---
Subtotal (available this fiscal year).....	20,292,000	19,317,900	20,486,725	+194,725	+1,168,825
Advance appropriations.....	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	---	---
Less appropriations from prior year advances.....	-4,000,000	-4,000,000	-4,000,000	---	---
Total, Tenant-based Rental Assistance appropriated in this bill.....	20,292,000	19,317,900	20,486,725	+194,725	+1,168,825
Public Housing Capital Fund.....	1,941,500	628,000	1,850,000	-91,500	+1,222,000
Public Housing Operating Fund.....	4,400,000	3,900,000	4,400,000	---	+500,000
Choice Neighborhoods.....	137,500	---	20,000	-117,500	+20,000
Family Self-Sufficiency.....	75,000	75,000	75,000	---	---
Native American Housing Block Grants.....	654,000	600,000	654,000	---	+54,000
Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund Program Account.....	7,227	---	7,227	---	+7,227
(Limitation on guaranteed loans).....	(1,762,683)	---	(1,953,243)	(+190,560)	(+1,953,243)
Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant.....	2,000	---	---	-2,000	---
Total, Public and Indian Housing.....	27,509,227	24,520,900	27,492,952	-16,275	+2,972,052
Community Planning and Development Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS.....	356,000	330,000	356,000	---	+26,000

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
Community Development Fund:					
CDBG formula.....	3,000,000	---	2,900,000	-100,000	+2,900,000
Indian CDBG.....	60,000	---	60,000	---	+60,000
Subtotal.....	3,060,000	---	2,960,000	-100,000	+2,960,000
Community Development Loan Guarantees (Section 108):					
(Limitation on guaranteed loans).....	(300,000)	---	(300,000)	---	(+300,000)
HOME Investment Partnerships Program.....	950,000	---	850,000	-100,000	+850,000
Self-help and Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program.....	54,000	---	45,000	-9,000	+45,000
Homeless Assistance Grants.....	2,383,000	2,250,000	2,383,000	---	+133,000
Total, Community Planning and Development.....	6,803,000	2,580,000	6,594,000	-209,000	+4,014,000
Housing Programs					
Project-based Rental Assistance:					
Renewals.....	10,581,000	10,466,100	11,082,000	+501,000	+615,900
Contract administrators.....	235,000	285,000	---	-235,000	-285,000
Subtotal (available this fiscal year).....	10,816,000	10,751,100	11,082,000	+266,000	+330,900
Advance appropriations.....	400,000	400,000	400,000	---	---
Less appropriations from prior year advances.....	(400,000)	(400,000)	(400,000)	---	---
Total, Project-based Rental Assistance appropriated in this bill.....	10,816,000	10,751,100	11,082,000	+266,000	+330,900

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
Housing for the Elderly.....	502,400	510,000	573,000	+70,600	+63,000
Housing for Persons with Disabilities.....	146,200	121,300	147,000	+800	+25,700
Housing Counseling Assistance.....	55,000	47,000	50,000	-5,000	+3,000
Rental Housing Assistance.....	20,000	14,000	14,000	-6,000	---
Manufactured Housing Fees Trust Fund.....	10,500	11,000	11,000	+500	---
Offsetting collections.....	-10,500	-11,000	-11,000	-500	---
Total, Housing Programs.....	11,539,600	11,443,400	11,866,000	+326,400	+422,600
Federal Housing Administration					
Mutual Mortgage Insurance Program Account:					
(Limitation on guaranteed loans).....	(400,000,000)	(400,000,000)	(400,000,000)	---	---
(Limitation on direct loans).....	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	---	---
Offsetting receipts.....	-7,437,000	-7,392,000	-7,392,000	+45,000	---
Proposed offsetting receipts (HECM).....	-97,000	300,000	---	+97,000	-300,000
Additional offsetting receipts (Sec. 222).....	---	-30,000	---	---	+30,000
Administrative contract expenses.....	130,000	160,000	135,000	+5,000	-25,000
General and Special Risk Program Account:					
(Limitation on guaranteed loans).....	(30,000,000)	(30,000,000)	(30,000,000)	---	---
(Limitation on direct loans).....	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	---	---
Offsetting receipts.....	-464,000	-619,000	-619,000	-155,000	---
Total, Federal Housing Administration.....	-7,868,000	-7,581,000	-7,876,000	-8,000	-295,000

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request

Government National Mortgage Association					
Guarantees of Mortgage-backed Securities Loan					
Guarantee Program Account:					
(Limitation on guaranteed loans).....	(500,000,000)	(500,000,000)	(500,000,000)	---	---
Administrative expenses.....	23,000	25,400	25,400	+2,400	---
Offsetting receipts.....	-101,000	-116,000	-116,000	-15,000	---
Proposed offsetting receipts (HECM).....	-1,102,000	-1,560,000	-1,560,000	-458,000	---
Additional contract expenses.....	-21,000	60,000	---	+21,000	-60,000
	1,000	1,000	1,000	---	---
Total, Gov't National Mortgage Association.....	-1,200,000	-1,589,600	-1,649,600	-449,600	-60,000

Policy Development and Research					
Research and Technology.....	89,000	85,000	85,000	-4,000	---
Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity					
Fair Housing Activities.....	65,300	65,300	65,300	---	---

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes					
Lead Hazard Reduction.....	145,000	130,000	130,000	-15,000	---
Information Technology Fund.....	257,000	250,000	150,000	-107,000	-100,000
Office of Inspector General.....	128,082	128,000	128,082	---	+2,082
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Total, title II, Department of Housing and Urban Development.....	38,823,209	31,354,000	38,336,405	-486,804	+6,982,405
Appropriations.....	(43,655,709)	(36,322,000)	(43,634,405)	(-21,304)	(+7,312,405)
Advance appropriations.....	(4,400,000)	(4,400,000)	(4,400,000)	---	---
Offsetting receipts.....	(-9,222,000)	(-9,357,000)	(-9,687,000)	(-465,000)	(-330,000)
Offsetting collections.....	(-10,500)	(-11,000)	(-11,000)	(-500)	---
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(Limitation on direct loans).....	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	---	---
(Limitation on guaranteed loans).....	(932,062,683)	(930,000,000)	(932,253,243)	(+190,560)	(+2,253,243)
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TITLE III - OTHER INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Access Board.....	8,190	7,928	8,190	---	+262
Federal Maritime Commission.....	27,490	26,149	27,490	---	+1,341
National Railroad Passenger Corporation Office of Inspector General.....	23,274	23,274	23,274	---	---

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 (Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
National Transportation Safety Board.....	106,000	105,170	106,000	---	+830
Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation.....	140,000	27,400	140,000	---	+112,600
Surface Transportation Board.....	37,000	37,100	37,100	+100	---
Offsetting collections.....	-1,250	-1,250	-1,250	---	---
Subtotal.....	35,750	35,850	35,850	+100	---
United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.....	3,600	570	570	-3,030	---
Total, title III, Other Independent Agencies....	344,304	226,341	341,374	-2,930	+115,033
TITLE IV - GENERAL PROVISIONS - THIS ACT					
Unobligated balances (Sec. 417) (rescission).....	-4,000	---	-7,000	-3,000	-7,000
Emergency Relief Program (Sec 419) (emergency).....	528,000	---	---	-528,000	---
CDBG Disaster Relief (Sec 420) (emergency).....	400,000	---	---	-400,000	---
Total, title IV, General Provisions This Act....	924,000	---	-7,000	-931,000	-7,000

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
Grand total.....	58,579,000	47,928,181	56,512,000	-2,067,000	+8,583,819
Appropriations.....	(63,345,750)	(52,928,631)	(62,618,250)	(-727,500)	(+9,689,619)
Rescissions.....	(-4,000)	(-31,200)	(-7,000)	(-3,000)	(+24,200)
Rescissions of contract authority.....	(-857,000)	---	(-800,000)	(+57,000)	(-800,000)
Advance appropriations.....	(4,400,000)	(4,400,000)	(4,400,000)	---	---
Offsetting receipts.....	(-9,222,000)	(-9,357,000)	(-9,687,000)	(-465,000)	(-330,000)
Offsetting collections.....	(-11,750)	(-12,250)	(-12,250)	(-500)	---
(by transfer).....	---	---	3,000	+3,000	+3,000
(transfer out).....	---	---	(-3,000)	(-3,000)	(-3,000)
(Limitation on obligations).....	(57,725,278)	(58,721,994)	(58,821,994)	(+1,096,716)	(+100,000)
Total budgetary resources.....	(116,304,278)	(106,650,175)	(115,333,994)	(-970,284)	(+8,683,819)

FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives, the results of each roll call vote on an amendment or on the motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and those voting against, are printed below:

ROLL CALL NO. 1

Date: July 17, 2017

Measure: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018

Motion by: Mr. Price

Description of Motion: To provide \$200,000,000,000 in supplemental funding for an infrastructure package as Title V.

Results: Defeated 21 yeas to 30 nays

Members Voting Yea

Mr. Aguilar
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Cartwright
 Ms. Clark
 Mr. Cuellar
 Ms. DeLauro
 Ms. Kaptur
 Mr. Kilmer
 Ms. Lee
 Mrs. Lowey
 Ms. McCollum
 Ms. Meng
 Ms. Pingree
 Mr. Pocan
 Mr. Price
 Mr. Quigley
 Ms. Roybal-Allard
 Mr. Ruppersberger
 Mr. Serrano
 Mr. Visclosky
 Ms. Wasserman Schultz

Members Voting Nay

Mr. Aderholt
 Mr. Amodei
 Mr. Calvert
 Mr. Carter
 Mr. Cole
 Mr. Culberson
 Mr. Dent
 Mr. Diaz-Balart
 Mr. Fleischmann
 Mr. Fortenberry
 Mr. Frelinghuysen
 Ms. Granger
 Mr. Graves
 Dr. Harris
 Ms. Herrera Beutler
 Mr. Jenkins
 Mr. Joyce
 Mr. Moolenaar
 Mr. Newhouse
 Mr. Palazzo
 Mrs. Roby
 Mr. Rogers
 Mr. Rooney
 Mr. Simpson
 Mr. Stewart
 Mr. Taylor
 Mr. Valadao
 Mr. Womack
 Mr. Yoder
 Mr. Young

FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

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ROLL CALL NO. 2

Date: July 17, 2017

Measure: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018

Motion by: Ms. Lee

Description of Motion: To provide an additional \$3,030,000 to the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness and extend the sunset date to October 1, 2020.

Results: Defeated 21 yeas to 30 nays

Members Voting Yea

Mr. Aguilar
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Cartwright
 Ms. Clark
 Mr. Cuellar
 Ms. DeLauro
 Ms. Kaptur
 Mr. Kilmer
 Ms. Lee
 Mrs. Lowey
 Ms. McCollum
 Ms. Meng
 Ms. Pingree
 Mr. Pocan
 Mr. Price
 Mr. Quigley
 Ms. Roybal-Allard
 Mr. Ruppersberger
 Mr. Serrano
 Mr. Visclosky
 Ms. Wasserman Schultz

Members Voting Nay

Mr. Aderholt
 Mr. Amodei
 Mr. Calvert
 Mr. Carter
 Mr. Cole
 Mr. Culberson
 Mr. Dent
 Mr. Diaz-Balart
 Mr. Fleischmann
 Mr. Fortenberry
 Mr. Frelinghuysen
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 Mrs. Roby
 Mr. Rogers
 Mr. Rooney
 Mr. Simpson
 Mr. Stewart
 Mr. Taylor
 Mr. Valadao
 Mr. Womack
 Mr. Yoder
 Mr. Young

FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

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ROLL CALL NO. 3

Date: July 17, 2017

Measure: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018

Motion by: Mr. Serrano

Description of Motion: To provide an additional \$3,150,000,000 for the public housing capital fund, and provide a set aside for capital repairs that reduce health hazards.

Results: Defeated 21 yeas to 30 nays

Members Voting Yea

Mr. Aguilar
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Cartwright
 Ms. Clark
 Mr. Cuellar
 Ms. DeLauro
 Ms. Kaptur
 Mr. Kilmer
 Ms. Lee
 Mrs. Lowey
 Ms. McCollum
 Ms. Meng
 Ms. Pingree
 Mr. Pocan
 Mr. Price
 Mr. Quigley
 Ms. Roybal-Allard
 Mr. Ruppertsberger
 Mr. Serrano
 Mr. Visclosky
 Ms. Wasserman Schultz

Members Voting Nay

Mr. Aderholt
 Mr. Amodei
 Mr. Calvert
 Mr. Carter
 Mr. Cole
 Mr. Culberson
 Mr. Dent
 Mr. Diaz-Balart
 Mr. Fleischmann
 Mr. Fortenberry
 Mr. Frelinghuysen
 Ms. Granger
 Mr. Graves
 Dr. Harris
 Ms. Herrera Beutler
 Mr. Jenkins
 Mr. Joyce
 Mr. Moolenaar
 Mr. Newhouse
 Mr. Palazzo
 Mrs. Roby
 Mr. Rogers
 Mr. Rooney
 Mr. Simpson
 Mr. Stewart
 Mr. Taylor
 Mr. Valadao
 Mr. Womack
 Mr. Yoder
 Mr. Young

FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

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ROLL CALL NO. 6

Date: July 17, 2017

Measure: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018

Motion by: Ms. DeLauro

Description of Motion: To provide \$500,000,000 for national infrastructure investments grants.

Results: Defeated 21 yeas to 30 nays

Members Voting Yea

Mr. Aguilar
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Cartwright
 Ms. Clark
 Mr. Cuellar
 Ms. DeLauro
 Ms. Kaptur
 Mr. Kilmer
 Ms. Lee
 Mrs. Lowey
 Ms. McCollum
 Ms. Meng
 Ms. Pingree
 Mr. Pocan
 Mr. Price
 Mr. Quigley
 Ms. Roybal-Allard
 Mr. Ruppersberger
 Mr. Serrano
 Mr. Visclosky
 Ms. Wasserman Schultz

Members Voting Nay

Mr. Aderholt
 Mr. Amodei
 Mr. Calvert
 Mr. Carter
 Mr. Cole
 Mr. Culberson
 Mr. Dent
 Mr. Diaz-Balart
 Mr. Fleischmann
 Mr. Fortenberry
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 Mr. Simpson
 Mr. Stewart
 Mr. Taylor
 Mr. Valadao
 Mr. Womack
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FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

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ROLL CALL NO. 7

Date: July 17, 2017

Measure: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018

Motion by: Ms. Lee

Description of Motion: To provide an additional \$350,000,000 for HOME investment partnership grants.

Results: Defeated 21 yeas to 30 nays

Members Voting Yea

Mr. Aguilar
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Cartwright
Ms. Clark
Mr. Cuellar
Ms. DeLauro
Ms. Kaptur
Mr. Kilmer
Ms. Lee
Mrs. Lowey
Ms. McCollum
Ms. Meng
Ms. Pingree
Mr. Pocan
Mr. Price
Mr. Quigley
Ms. Roybal-Allard
Mr. Ruppertsberger
Mr. Serrano
Mr. Visclosky
Ms. Wasserman Schultz

Members Voting Nay

Mr. Aderholt
Mr. Amodei
Mr. Calvert
Mr. Carter
Mr. Cole
Mr. Culberson
Mr. Dent
Mr. Diaz-Balart
Mr. Fleischmann
Mr. Fortenberry
Mr. Frelinghuysen
Ms. Granger
Mr. Graves
Dr. Harris
Ms. Herrera Beutler
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Mr. Palazzo
Mrs. Roby
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Mr. Rooney
Mr. Simpson
Mr. Stewart
Mr. Taylor
Mr. Valadao
Mr. Womack
Mr. Yoder
Mr. Young

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ROLL CALL NO. 8

Date: July 17, 2017

Measure: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018

Motion by: Ms. Kaptur

Description of Motion: To provide \$40,000,000 for HUD VASH incremental voucher funding.

Results: Defeated 21 yeas to 30 nays

Members Voting Yea

Mr. Aguilar
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Cartwright
 Ms. Clark
 Mr. Cuellar
 Ms. DeLauro
 Ms. Kaptur
 Mr. Kilmer
 Ms. Lee
 Mrs. Lowey
 Ms. McCollum
 Ms. Meng
 Ms. Pingree
 Mr. Pocan
 Mr. Price
 Mr. Quigley
 Ms. Roybal-Allard
 Mr. Ruppersberger
 Mr. Serrano
 Mr. Visclosky
 Ms. Wasserman Schultz

Members Voting Nay

Mr. Aderholt
 Mr. Amodei
 Mr. Calvert
 Mr. Carter
 Mr. Cole
 Mr. Culberson
 Mr. Dent
 Mr. Diaz-Balart
 Mr. Fleischmann
 Mr. Fortenberry
 Mr. Frelinghuysen
 Ms. Granger
 Mr. Graves
 Dr. Harris
 Ms. Herrera Beutler
 Mr. Jenkins
 Mr. Joyce
 Mr. Moolenaar
 Mr. Newhouse
 Mr. Palazzo
 Mrs. Roby
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 Mr. Simpson
 Mr. Stewart
 Mr. Taylor
 Mr. Valadao
 Mr. Womack
 Mr. Yoder
 Mr. Young

FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

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ROLL CALL NO. 9

Date: July 17, 2017

Measure: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018

Motion by: Mrs. Lowey

Description of Motion: To provide an additional \$15,000,000 for the lead hazard control and healthy homes grants.

Results: Defeated 21 yeas to 30 nays

Members Voting Yea

Mr. Aguilar
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Cartwright
 Ms. Clark
 Mr. Cuellar
 Ms. DeLauro
 Ms. Kaptur
 Mr. Kilmer
 Ms. Lee
 Mrs. Lowey
 Ms. McCollum
 Ms. Meng
 Ms. Pingree
 Mr. Pocan
 Mr. Price
 Mr. Quigley
 Ms. Roybal-Allard
 Mr. Ruppersberger
 Mr. Serrano
 Mr. Visclosky
 Ms. Wasserman Schultz

Members Voting Nay

Mr. Aderholt
 Mr. Amodei
 Mr. Calvert
 Mr. Carter
 Mr. Cole
 Mr. Culberson
 Mr. Dent
 Mr. Diaz-Balart
 Mr. Fleischmann
 Mr. Fortenberry
 Mr. Frelinghuysen
 Ms. Granger
 Mr. Graves
 Dr. Harris
 Ms. Herrera Beutler
 Mr. Jenkins
 Mr. Joyce
 Mr. Moolenaar
 Mr. Newhouse
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 Mr. Stewart
 Mr. Taylor
 Mr. Valadao
 Mr. Womack
 Mr. Yoder
 Mr. Young

FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

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ROLL CALL NO. 10

Date: July 17, 2017

Measure: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018

Motion by: Mr. Cartwright

Description of Motion: To provide an additional \$400,000,000 for community development block grants.

Results: Defeated 21 yeas to 30 nays

Members Voting Yea

Mr. Aguilar
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Cartwright
 Ms. Clark
 Mr. Cuellar
 Ms. DeLauro
 Ms. Kaptur
 Mr. Kilmner
 Ms. Lee
 Mrs. Lowey
 Ms. McCollum
 Ms. Meng
 Ms. Pingree
 Mr. Pocan
 Mr. Price
 Mr. Quigley
 Ms. Roybal-Allard
 Mr. Ruppertsberger
 Mr. Serrano
 Mr. Visclosky
 Ms. Wasserman Schultz

Members Voting Nay

Mr. Aderholt
 Mr. Amodei
 Mr. Calvert
 Mr. Carter
 Mr. Cole
 Mr. Culberson
 Mr. Dent
 Mr. Diaz-Balart
 Mr. Fleischmann
 Mr. Fortenberry
 Mr. Frelinghuysen
 Ms. Granger
 Mr. Graves
 Dr. Harris
 Ms. Herrera Beutler
 Mr. Jenkins
 Mr. Joyce
 Mr. Moolenaar
 Mr. Newhouse
 Mr. Palazzo
 Mrs. Roby
 Mr. Rogers
 Mr. Rooney
 Mr. Simpson
 Mr. Stewart
 Mr. Taylor
 Mr. Valadao
 Mr. Womack
 Mr. Yoder
 Mr. Young

FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

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ROLL CALL NO. 11

Date: July 17, 2017

Measure: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018

Motion by: Mr. Price

Description of Motion: To strike sections 126, 132, 133, 134, 151, 152, 172, 234, and 236.

Results: Defeated 20 yeas to 31 nays

Members Voting Yea

Mr. Aguilar
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Cartwright
Ms. Clark
Ms. DeLauro
Ms. Kaptur
Mr. Kilmer
Ms. Lee
Mrs. Lowey
Ms. McCollum
Ms. Meng
Ms. Pingree
Mr. Pocan
Mr. Price
Mr. Quigley
Ms. Roybal-Allard
Mr. Ruppertsberger
Mr. Serrano
Mr. Visclosky
Ms. Wasserman Schultz

Members Voting Nay

Mr. Aderholt
Mr. Amodei
Mr. Calvert
Mr. Carter
Mr. Cole
Mr. Cuellar
Mr. Culberson
Mr. Dent
Mr. Diaz-Balart
Mr. Fleischmann
Mr. Fortenberry
Mr. Frelinghuysen
Ms. Granger
Mr. Graves
Dr. Harris
Ms. Herrera Beutler
Mr. Jenkins
Mr. Joyce
Mr. Moolenaar
Mr. Newhouse
Mr. Palazzo
Mrs. Roby
Mr. Rogers
Mr. Rooney
Mr. Simpson
Mr. Stewart
Mr. Taylor
Mr. Valadao
Mr. Womack
Mr. Yoder
Mr. Young

FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

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ROLL CALL NO. 12

Date: July 17, 2017

Measure: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018

Motion by: Ms. Lee

Description of Motion: To provide an additional \$140,000,000 for tenant-based rental assistance administrative fees.

Results: Defeated 21 yeas to 30 nays

Members Voting Yea

Mr. Aguilar
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Cartwright
 Ms. Clark
 Mr. Cuellar
 Ms. DeLauro
 Ms. Kaptur
 Mr. Kilmer
 Ms. Lee
 Mrs. Lowey
 Ms. McCollum
 Ms. Meng
 Ms. Pingree
 Mr. Pocan
 Mr. Price
 Mr. Quigley
 Ms. Roybal-Allard
 Mr. Ruppertsberger
 Mr. Serrano
 Mr. Visclosky
 Ms. Wasserman Schultz

Members Voting Nay

Mr. Aderholt
 Mr. Amodei
 Mr. Calvert
 Mr. Carter
 Mr. Cole
 Mr. Culberson
 Mr. Dent
 Mr. Diaz-Balart
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 Mr. Fortenberry
 Mr. Frelinghuysen
 Ms. Granger
 Mr. Graves
 Dr. Harris
 Ms. Herrera Beutler
 Mr. Jenkins
 Mr. Joyce
 Mr. Moolenaar
 Mr. Newhouse
 Mr. Palazzo
 Mrs. Roby
 Mr. Rogers
 Mr. Rooney
 Mr. Simpson
 Mr. Stewart
 Mr. Taylor
 Mr. Valadao
 Mr. Womack
 Mr. Yoder
 Mr. Young

FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

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ROLL CALL NO. 13

Date: July 17, 2017

Measure: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018

Motion by: Ms. Clark

Description of Motion: To provide \$177,500,000 for tenant-based rental assistance vouchers for families, veterans, tribal families and victims of domestic and dating violence.

Results: Defeated 21 yeas to 30 nays

Members Voting Yea

Mr. Aguilar
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Cartwright
Ms. Clark
Mr. Cuellar
Ms. DeLauro
Ms. Kaptur
Mr. Kilmer
Ms. Lee
Mrs. Lowey
Ms. McCollum
Ms. Meng
Ms. Pingree
Mr. Pocan
Mr. Price
Mr. Quigley
Ms. Roybal-Allard
Mr. Ruppertsberger
Mr. Serrano
Mr. Visclosky
Ms. Wasserman Schultz

Members Voting Nay

Mr. Aderholt
Mr. Amodei
Mr. Calvert
Mr. Carter
Mr. Cole
Mr. Culberson
Mr. Dent
Mr. Diaz-Balart
Mr. Fleischmann
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Mr. Palazzo
Mrs. Roby
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Mr. Stewart
Mr. Taylor
Mr. Valadao
Mr. Womack
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Mr. Young

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ROLL CALL NO. 14

Date: July 17, 2017

Measure: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018

Motion by: Mr. Rogers

Description of Motion: To report the bill to the House, as amended.

Results: Adopted 31 yeas to 20 nays

Members Voting Yea

Mr. Aderholt
 Mr. Amodei
 Mr. Calvert
 Mr. Carter
 Mr. Cole
 Mr. Cuellar
 Mr. Culberson
 Mr. Dent
 Mr. Diaz-Balart
 Mr. Fleischmann
 Mr. Fortenberry
 Mr. Frelinghuysen
 Ms. Granger
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 Mrs. Roby
 Mr. Rogers
 Mr. Rooney
 Mr. Simpson
 Mr. Stewart
 Mr. Taylor
 Mr. Valadao
 Mr. Womack
 Mr. Yoder
 Mr. Young

Members Voting Nay

Mr. Aguilar
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Cartwright
 Ms. Clark
 Ms. DeLauro
 Ms. Kaptur
 Mr. Kilmer
 Ms. Lee
 Mrs. Lowey
 Ms. McCollum
 Ms. Meng
 Ms. Pingree
 Mr. Pocan
 Mr. Price
 Mr. Quigley
 Ms. Roybal-Allard
 Mr. Ruppersberger
 Mr. Serrano
 Mr. Visclosky
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MINORITY VIEWS

MINORITY VIEWS OF NITA M. LOWEY AND DAVID E. PRICE

The impact of the Republican majority's self-imposed austerity is on full display in the Fiscal Year 2018 appropriations bill for the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies (T-HUD). This year's bill includes \$56.5 billion for critical transportation, housing, and community development programs—a \$1.1 billion reduction compared to current levels. This year's T-HUD allocation is insufficient to address our nation's housing and infrastructure challenges. Where boldness and leadership are required, this bill offers timidity and the status quo.

In each of our districts, we have examples of damaged roads, structurally deficient bridges, and aging transportation systems. We have a shortage of affordable housing and aging public housing properties in need of repair. Robust investments in infrastructure and community development would address these shortfalls and put people to work, improve safety and boost economic growth. The American Society of Civil Engineers' most recent report gave U.S. infrastructure a D+ grade and identified a \$2 trillion investment gap over the next decade. Our infrastructure continues to deteriorate at an alarming rate, causing congestion on our roads, delays at our airports, and bottlenecks at our ports. Throughout the campaign and in his first days in office, the President assured Americans that infrastructure was a priority for his administration. Yet, the President and his Republican Congress, in an appropriations bill that should robustly fund the modernization of our infrastructure, advanced a hollow shell that puts us even further behind in modernizing American transport.

This bill eliminates the successful and popular TIGER grants program and drastically cuts Capital Investment Grants when there is a crisis on the rails for commuters and train travelers in the New York metro area and around the country. If the Republican majority continues to neglect infrastructure that is crumbling before our very eyes, it will only get more expensive to address in the future and will become more dangerous for all Americans.

We are in the midst of a housing crisis. Millions of Americans struggle to pay rent as wages fail to rise as quickly as housing costs. Yet, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and the HOME program, both lauded by local elected officials around the country for their flexibility and effectiveness, are each cut by \$100 million. The Public Housing Capital Fund, Lead Hazard Control, and the Section 4 Capacity Building Program utilized by Habitat for Humanity and other nonprofits to expand their reach are all cut. Some estimates suggest that the funding levels in this bill could result in the loss of more than 140,000 housing vouchers. This would have a horrible impact on low-income families, putting

them at immediate risk of eviction and, in the worst cases, homelessness.

During full committee consideration of the bill, Democrats offered amendments to improve the bill and invest in America's infrastructure and working families. Republicans defeated each of these amendments on a party-line vote.

Mr. Price offered a comprehensive amendment that would invest \$200 billion in America's highways, rail, transit, and housing infrastructure. It would have provided funding to repair aging bridges, repair our roads, and to modernize our airports and our airspace. Rather than confront the infrastructure challenges head-on, Republicans defeated the amendment.

Republicans also rejected amendments from Mrs. Lowey that would have removed more lead hazards from homes and made commuter railroads safer as well as other Democratic amendments to increase CDBG and HOME, bolster our public housing stock, protect vulnerable populations, advance homelessness prevention efforts, and invest in more transit. We look forward to addressing these shortcomings as the process moves forward.

The bill also contains several controversial policy riders that unnecessarily attack high speed rail, roll back transportation safety protections for the traveling public, and harm labor rights. Many of these issues were considered and rejected during consideration of the FY 2017 omnibus negotiations. Mr. Price offered an amendment to strip these riders at Full Committee markup, which the majority rejected. In recent years, this bill has become a Court of Appeals for the trucking industry, re-litigating issues in the Appropriations Committee rather than addressing them through the authorizing process. We strongly object to including these riders in the bill.

The Chairman was dealt a very difficult hand with an inadequate allocation, but he deserves recognition for some key investments. The T-HUD bill sustains basic safety activities at DOT and provides funding increases to Housing for the Elderly and Housing for Persons with Disabilities. We also want to thank the Chairman for including \$20 million for the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative. Funding this program nominally in the base bill will give us a chance to improve this number as the process moves forward, even though President Trump suggested eliminating the program.

While the bill includes language to ensure FTA continues to rate and review projects in the grant pipeline, this lower funding level threatens the progress and viability of major transit projects around the country.

The bill reflects the strong bipartisan consensus within the Appropriations Committee that we must continue providing the resources necessary to strengthen and modernize the air traffic control system. The Federal Aviation Administration received a \$153 million increase over last year and a \$434 million increase over the President's request. This consensus is sorely lacking on the authorizing committee where Republicans advanced a partisan and controversial plan that, if implemented, would jeopardize NextGen's progress and hand over billions of dollars in federal assets and control of the skies to private industry.

In its current form, the bill represents a step in the wrong direction. However, we remain hopeful that a new bipartisan budget deal will be reached that makes it possible to revise this legislation to garner bipartisan support. We look forward to working with the Chairman toward this end in the months ahead.

As the legislative process continues, we will do our best to address the concerns described here. Without a larger discussion of the Federal budget, it will be nearly impossible to pass a Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill for FY 2018 into law. The inadequacy of this bill's allocation can only be fixed if Democrats and Republicans negotiate new caps for spending that do not slash the investments needed in this bill and others to support working families and grow the economy. Unfortunately, to date, Republicans are choosing to close ranks around a partisan effort to cut programs depended on by millions of Americans even though they know it will lead to another forced crisis to keep the government open. Democrats stand ready to work with Republicans on appropriations bills that invest in the American people.

We all know that Democratic votes will be needed to reach a spending agreement that can be enacted. When Republicans get serious about that, we will be ready and willing to work with our colleagues to make sure this bill better funds initiatives that Americans rely on to pursue the American dream.

NITA M. LOWEY.
DAVID E. PRICE.

