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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Banking and Financial Services, and International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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ganization, establishing the Office of Community Economic Adjustment in the Economic Development Administration of the Department of Commerce to coordinate the Federal response in regions and communities experiencing severe and sudden economic distress, helping these regions and communities in restructuring their economies, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rapid Change Oppor-  
 5 tunity Act”.

6 **TITLE I—FUNDING FOR ADDI-**  
 7 **TIONAL EMPOWERMENT**  
 8 **ZONES, ENTERPRISE COMMU-**  
 9 **NITIES, AND STRATEGIC**  
 10 **PLANNING COMMUNITIES**

11 **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

12 This title may be cited as the “Empowerment Zones  
 13 and Enterprise Communities Enhancement Act of 2000”.

14 **SEC. 102. FUNDING ENTITLEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL EM-**  
 15 **POWERMENT ZONES AND ENTERPRISE COM-**  
 16 **MUNITIES, AND FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING**  
 17 **COMMUNITIES.**

18 (a) ENTITLEMENT.—Section 2007(a)(1) of the Social  
 19 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397f(a)(1)) is amended—

1           (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “in the  
2           State; and” and inserting “that is in the State and  
3           is designated pursuant to section 1391(b) of the In-  
4           ternal Revenue Code of 1986;”;

5           (2) by adding after subparagraph (B) the fol-  
6           lowing:

7                   “(C)(i) 9 grants under this section for  
8                   each qualified empowerment zone that is in an  
9                   urban area in the State and is designated pur-  
10                  suant to section 1391(g) of such Code; and

11                   “(ii) 9 grants under this section for each  
12                   qualified empowerment zone that is in a rural  
13                   area in the State and is designated pursuant to  
14                  section 1391(g) of such Code;

15                   “(D) 9 grants under this section for each  
16                   qualified enterprise community that is in the  
17                   State and is designated pursuant to section 766  
18                   of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food  
19                   and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies  
20                  Appropriations Act, 1999; and

21                   “(E) 1 grant under this section for each  
22                  strategic planning community.”.

23           (b) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—Section 2007(a)(2) of  
24           such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397f(a)(2)) is amended—

1 (1) in the heading of subparagraph (A), by in-  
2 sserting “ORIGINAL” before “EMPOWERMENT”;

3 (2) in subparagraph (A), in the matter pre-  
4 ceding clause (i), by inserting “referred to in para-  
5 graph (1)(A)” after “empowerment zone”;

6 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-  
7 paragraph (F); and

8 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(C) ADDITIONAL EMPOWERMENT  
11 GRANTS.—The amount of the grant to a State  
12 under this section for a qualified empowerment  
13 zone referred to in paragraph (1)(C) shall be—

14 “(i) if the zone is in an urban area,  
15 \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2000,  
16 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001  
17 through 2004, and \$12,500,000 for each  
18 of fiscal years 2005 through 2008; or

19 “(ii) if the zone is in a rural area,  
20 \$3,800,000 for each of fiscal years 2000  
21 through 2004, and \$4,750,000 for each of  
22 fiscal years 2005 through 2008,

23 multiplied by the proportion of the population  
24 of the zone that resides in the State.

1           “(D) ADDITIONAL ENTERPRISE COMMU-  
2           NITY GRANTS.—The amount of the grant to a  
3           State under this section for a qualified enter-  
4           prise community referred to in paragraph  
5           (1)(D) shall be \$3,000,000, multiplied by the  
6           proportion of the population of the community  
7           that resides in the State.

8           “(E) STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMUNITY  
9           GRANTS.—The amount of the grant to a State  
10          under this section for a strategic planning com-  
11          munity shall be \$3,000,000, multiplied by the  
12          proportion of the population of the community  
13          that resides in the State.”.

14          (c) TIMING OF GRANTS.—Section 2007(a)(3) of such  
15          Act (42 U.S.C. 1397f(a)(3)) is amended—

16               (1) in the heading of subparagraph (A), by in-  
17               serting “ORIGINAL” before “QUALIFIED”;

18               (2) in subparagraph (A), in the matter pre-  
19               ceding clause (i), by inserting “referred to in para-  
20               graph (1)(A)” after “empowerment zone”; and

21               (3) by adding after subparagraph (B) the fol-  
22               lowing:

23               “(C) ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED EMPOWER-  
24               MENT ZONES.—With respect to each qualified  
25               empowerment zone referred to in paragraph

1 (1)(C), the Secretary shall make 1 grant under  
2 this section to the State in which the zone lies,  
3 on the first day of fiscal year 2000 and of each  
4 of the 8 succeeding fiscal years.

5 “(D) ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED ENTERPRISE  
6 COMMUNITIES.—With respect to each qualified  
7 enterprise community referred to in paragraph  
8 (1)(D), the Secretary shall make 1 grant under  
9 this section to the State in which the commu-  
10 nity is located on October 1, 1999.

11 “(E) STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMU-  
12 NITIES.—With respect to each strategic plan-  
13 ning community, the Secretary shall make 1  
14 grant under this section to the State in which  
15 the community is located, on October 1, 1999.”.

16 (d) FUNDING.—Section 2007(a)(4) of such Act (42  
17 U.S.C. 1397f(a)(4)) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “(4) FUNDING.—\$1,000,000”  
19 and inserting the following:

20 “(4) FUNDING.—

21 “(A) ORIGINAL GRANTS.—\$1,000,000”;

22 (2) by inserting “for empowerment zones and  
23 enterprise communities described in subparagraphs  
24 (A) and (B) of paragraph (1)” before the period;  
25 and

1 (4) by adding after and below the end the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 “(B) ADDITIONAL EMPOWERMENT ZONE  
4 GRANTS.—\$1,645,000,000 shall be made avail-  
5 able to the Secretary for grants under this sec-  
6 tion for empowerment zones referred to in para-  
7 graph (1)(C).

8 “(C) ADDITIONAL ENTERPRISE COMMU-  
9 NITY GRANTS.—\$60,000,000 shall be made  
10 available to the Secretary for grants under this  
11 section for enterprise communities referred to  
12 in paragraph (1)(D).

13 “(D) STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMUNITY  
14 GRANTS.—\$45,000,000 shall be made available  
15 to the Secretary for grants under this section  
16 for strategic planning communities.”.

17 (e) DIRECT FUNDING FOR INDIAN TRIBES.—Section  
18 2007(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397f(a)) is amended by  
19 adding at the end the following:

20 “(5) DIRECT FUNDING FOR INDIAN TRIBES.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
22 make a grant under this section directly to the  
23 governing body of an Indian tribe if—

24 “(i) the tribe is identified in the stra-  
25 tegic plan of a qualified empowerment zone

1 or qualified enterprise community as the  
2 entity that assumes sole or primary re-  
3 sponsibility for carrying out activities and  
4 projects under the grant; and

5 “(ii) the grant is to be used for activi-  
6 ties and projects that are—

7 “(I) included in the strategic  
8 plan of the qualified empowerment  
9 zone or qualified enterprise commu-  
10 nity, consistent with this section; and

11 “(II) approved by the Secretary  
12 of Agriculture, in the case of a quali-  
13 fied empowerment zone or qualified  
14 enterprise community in a rural area,  
15 or the Secretary of Housing and  
16 Urban Development, in the case of a  
17 qualified empowerment zone or quali-  
18 fied enterprise community in an urban  
19 area.

20 “(B) RULES OF INTERPRETATION.—

21 “(i) If grant under this section is  
22 made directly to the governing body of an  
23 Indian tribe under subparagraph (A), the  
24 tribe shall be considered a State for pur-  
25 poses of this section.

1                   “(ii) This subparagraph shall not be  
2                   construed as making applicable to this sec-  
3                   tion the provisions of the Indian Self-De-  
4                   termination and Education Assistance  
5                   Act.”.

6           (f) DEFINITIONS.—

7                   (1) QUALIFIED ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY.—Sec-  
8                   tion 2007(f)(2)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
9                   1397f(f)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting “or pursu-  
10                   ant to section 766 of the Agriculture, Rural Devel-  
11                   opment, Food and Drug Administration, and Re-  
12                   lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999” before the  
13                   semicolon.

14                   (2) STRATEGIC PLAN.—Section 2007(f)(3) of  
15                   such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397f(f)(3)) is amended by in-  
16                   serting “or under section 766 of the Agriculture,  
17                   Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration,  
18                   and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999” be-  
19                   fore the period.

20                   (3) STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMUNITY.—Sec-  
21                   tion 2007(f) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397f(f)) is  
22                   amended by adding at the end the following:

23                   “(7) STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMUNITY.—The  
24                   term ‘strategic planning community’ means a re-  
25                   spondent to the Notice Inviting Applications at 63

1 Federal Register 19162 (April 16, 1998) whose ap-  
2 plication was ranked 16th through 30th in the com-  
3 petition that concluded in December 1998.”.

4 (4) INDIAN TRIBE.—Section 2007(f) of such  
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 1397f(f)), as amended by paragraph  
6 (3) of this subsection, is amended by adding at the  
7 end the following:

8 “(8) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian tribe’  
9 means any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other orga-  
10 nized group or community, including any Alaska Na-  
11 tive village or regional or village corporation as de-  
12 fined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Na-  
13 tive Claims Settlement Act, which is recognized as  
14 eligible for the special programs and services pro-  
15 vided by the United States to Indians because of  
16 their status as Indians.”.

17 **SEC. 103. USE OF GRANT FUNDS.**

18 (a) REVOLVING LOAN ACTIVITIES.—Section 2007(b)  
19 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397f(b)) is amend-  
20 ed by adding at the end the following:

21 “(5) REVOLVING LOAN ACTIVITIES.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In order to assist dis-  
23 advantaged adults and youths in achieving and  
24 maintaining economic self-support, a State may  
25 use amounts paid under this section to fund re-

1           volving loan funds or similar arrangements for  
2           the purpose of making loans to residents, insti-  
3           tutions, organizations, or businesses that hire  
4           disadvantaged adults and youths.

5           “(B) RULES FOR DISBURSEMENT.—

6           Amounts to be used as described in subpara-  
7           graph (A) shall be disbursed by the Secretary,  
8           consistent with the provisions of the Cash Man-  
9           agement Improvement Act and its implementing  
10          rules, regulations, and procedures issued by the  
11          Secretary of the Treasury—

12                   “(i) in the case of a grant to a revolv-  
13                   ing loan fund—

14                           “(I) pursuant to a written irrev-  
15                           ocable grant commitment; and

16                           “(II) at such time or times as the  
17                           Secretary determines that the funds  
18                           are needed to meet the purposes of  
19                           such commitment; or

20                   “(ii) in the case of a grant for pur-  
21                   poses of capitalizing an insured depository  
22                   institution (as defined in section 3 of the  
23                   Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C.  
24                   1813)) or an insured credit union (as de-  
25                   fined in section 101 of the Federal Credit

1 Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1742)), at such time  
2 or times as the Secretary determines that  
3 funds are needed for such capitalization.”.

4 (b) USE AS NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—Section 2007(b)  
5 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397f(b)), as amended by sub-  
6 section (a) of this section, is amended by adding at the  
7 end the following:

8 “(6) A State may use amounts received from a  
9 grant under this section to pay all or part of the  
10 non-Federal share of expenditures under any other  
11 Federal grant to a local public or nonprofit private  
12 agency or organization for activities consistent with  
13 the purposes of this section, unless the statutory au-  
14 thority for such other grant expressly prohibits  
15 counting of Federal grant funds as such non-Federal  
16 share.”.

17 **SEC. 104. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.**

18 Section 2007 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
19 1397f) is amended—

20 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-  
21 section (g); and

22 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
23 lowing:

24 “(f) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—

1           “(1) EXECUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY BY THE  
2           SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
3           AND THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—

4           “(A) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection  
5           shall apply to grants under this section in con-  
6           nection with empowerment zones, enterprise  
7           communities, and strategic planning commu-  
8           nities (as defined in subsection (g)).

9           “(B) EXECUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY.—  
10          With respect to grants described in subpara-  
11          graph (A), the Secretary of Housing and Urban  
12          Development and the Secretary of Agriculture,  
13          as appropriate, shall execute the responsibilities  
14          under the National Environmental Policy Act of  
15          1969 and other provisions of law that further  
16          the purposes of such Act (as specified in regula-  
17          tions issued by each such Secretary under para-  
18          graph (2)(B)) that would otherwise apply to the  
19          Secretary of Health and Human Services, and  
20          may provide for the assumption of such respon-  
21          sibilities in accordance with paragraphs (2)  
22          through (5).

23          “(C) DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.—Except  
24          as otherwise specified, in this subsection, the  
25          term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Hous-

1 ing and Urban Development for purposes of  
2 grants under this section with respect to quali-  
3 fied empowerment zones and qualified enter-  
4 prise communities in urban areas, and strategic  
5 planning areas, and the Secretary of Agri-  
6 culture for purposes of grants under this sec-  
7 tion with respect to qualified empowerment  
8 zones and qualified enterprise communities in  
9 rural areas.

10 “(2) ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY BY  
11 STATES, UNITS OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT,  
12 AND INDIAN TRIBES.—

13 “(A) RELEASE OF FUNDS.—In order to as-  
14 sure that the policies of the National Environ-  
15 mental Policy Act of 1969 and other provisions  
16 of law that further the purposes of such Act (as  
17 specified in regulations issued by the Secretary  
18 under subparagraph (B)) are most effectively  
19 implemented in connection with the expenditure  
20 of funds under this section, and to assure to the  
21 public undiminished protection of the environ-  
22 ment, the Secretary may, under such regula-  
23 tions, in lieu of the environmental protection  
24 procedures otherwise applicable, provide for the  
25 release of funds for particular projects to recipi-

1           ents of assistance under this section if the  
2           State, unit of general local government, or In-  
3           dian tribe, as designated by the Secretary in ac-  
4           cordance with regulations issued by the Sec-  
5           retary under subparagraph (B), assumes all of  
6           the responsibilities for environmental review,  
7           decisionmaking, and action pursuant to such  
8           Act, and such other provisions of law as the  
9           regulations of the Secretary specify, that would  
10          otherwise apply to the Secretary were the Sec-  
11          retary to undertake such projects as Federal  
12          projects.

13                 “(B) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of  
14          Housing and Urban Development and the Sec-  
15          retary of Agriculture shall each issue regula-  
16          tions to carry out this subsection only after con-  
17          sultation with the Council on Environmental  
18          Quality. Such regulations shall—

19                         “(i) specify any other provisions of  
20                         law that further the purposes of the Na-  
21                         tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969  
22                         and to which the assumption of responsi-  
23                         bility as provided in this subsection ap-  
24                         plies;

1           “(ii) provide eligibility criteria and  
2           procedures for the designation of a State,  
3           unit of general local government, or Indian  
4           tribe to assume all of the responsibilities  
5           described in subparagraph (A);

6           “(iii) specify the purposes for which  
7           funds may be committed without regard to  
8           the procedure established under paragraph  
9           (3);

10          “(iv) provide for monitoring of the  
11          performance of environmental reviews  
12          under this subsection;

13          (v) in the discretion of the Secretary,  
14          provide for the provision or facilitation of  
15          training for such performance; and

16          “(vi) subject to the discretion of the  
17          Secretary, provide for suspension or termi-  
18          nation by the Secretary of the assumption  
19          under subparagraph (A).

20          “(C) RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATE, UNIT  
21          OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR INDIAN  
22          TRIBE.—The Secretary’s duty under subpara-  
23          graph (B) shall not be construed to limit any  
24          responsibility assumed by a State, unit of gen-  
25          eral local government, or Indian tribe with re-

1           spect to any particular release of funds under  
2           subparagraph (A).

3           “(3) PROCEDURE.—The Secretary shall ap-  
4           prove the release of funds for projects subject to the  
5           procedures authorized by this subsection only if, not  
6           less than 15 days prior to such approval and prior  
7           to any commitment of funds to such projects (except  
8           for such purposes specified in the regulations issued  
9           under paragraph (2)(B)), the recipient submits to  
10          the Secretary a request for such release accompanied  
11          by a certification of the State, unit of general local  
12          government, or Indian tribe that meets the require-  
13          ments of paragraph (4). The approval by the Sec-  
14          retary of any such certification shall be deemed to  
15          satisfy the Secretary’s responsibilities pursuant to  
16          paragraph (1) under the National Environmental  
17          Policy Act of 1969 and such other provisions of law  
18          as the regulations of the Secretary specify insofar as  
19          those responsibilities relate to the releases of funds  
20          for projects to be carried out pursuant thereto that  
21          are covered by such certification.

22          “(4) CERTIFICATION.—A certification under the  
23          procedures authorized by this subsection shall—

24                  “(A) be in a form acceptable to the Sec-  
25                  retary;

1           “(B) be executed by the chief executive of-  
2           ficer or other officer of the State, unit of gen-  
3           eral local government, or Indian tribe who  
4           qualifies under regulations of the Secretary;

5           “(C) specify that the State, unit of general  
6           local government, or Indian tribe under this  
7           subsection has fully carried out its responsibil-  
8           ities as described under paragraph (2); and

9           “(D) specify that the certifying officer—

10           “(i) consents to assume the status of  
11           a responsible Federal official under the  
12           National Environmental Policy Act of  
13           1969 and each provision of law specified in  
14           regulations issued by the Secretary insofar  
15           as the provisions of such Act or other such  
16           provisions of law apply pursuant to para-  
17           graph (2); and

18           “(ii) is authorized and consents on be-  
19           half of the State, unit of general local gov-  
20           ernment, or Indian tribe and himself or  
21           herself to accept the jurisdiction of the  
22           Federal courts for the purpose of enforce-  
23           ment of the responsibilities as such an offi-  
24           cial.

1           “(5) APPROVAL BY STATES.—In cases in which  
 2           a unit of general local government carries out the re-  
 3           sponsibilities described in paragraph (2), the Sec-  
 4           retary may permit the State to perform those ac-  
 5           tions of the Secretary described in paragraph (3).  
 6           The performance of such actions by the State, where  
 7           permitted, shall be deemed to satisfy the responsibil-  
 8           ities referred to in the second sentence of paragraph  
 9           (3).”.

10 **TITLE II—CREDIT AGAINST IN-**  
 11 **COME TAX FOR CERTAIN IN-**  
 12 **VESTMENTS IN BUSINESSES**  
 13 **LOCATED IN LOW-INCOME**  
 14 **COMMUNITIES**

15 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

16           This title may be cited as the “New Markets Tax  
 17 Credit Act of 2000”.

18 **SEC. 202. NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT.**

19           (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart D of part IV of sub-  
 20 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
 21 1986 (relating to business-related credits) is amended by  
 22 adding at the end the following new section:

23 **“SEC. 45D. NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT.**

24           “(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 38,  
2           in the case of a taxpayer who holds a qualified eq-  
3           uity investment on a credit allowance date of such  
4           investment which occurs during the taxable year, the  
5           new markets tax credit determined under this sec-  
6           tion for such taxable year is an amount equal to 6  
7           percent of the amount paid to the qualified commu-  
8           nity development entity for such investment at its  
9           original issue.

10           “(2) CREDIT ALLOWANCE DATE.—The term  
11           ‘credit allowance date’ means, with respect to any  
12           qualified equity investment—

13                   “(A) the date on which such investment is  
14                   initially made, and

15                   “(B) each of the 4 anniversary dates of  
16                   such date thereafter.

17           “(b) QUALIFIED EQUITY INVESTMENT.—For pur-  
18           poses of this section—

19                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified equity  
20                   investment’ means any equity investment in a quali-  
21                   fied community development entity if—

22                           “(A) such investment is acquired by the  
23                           taxpayer at its original issue (directly or  
24                           through an underwriter) solely in exchange for  
25                           cash,

1           “(B) substantially all of such cash is used  
2           by the qualified community development entity  
3           to make qualified low-income community invest-  
4           ments, and

5           “(C) such investment is designated for  
6           purposes of this section by the qualified com-  
7           munity development entity.

8           Such term shall not include any equity investment  
9           issued by a qualified community development entity  
10          more than 5 years after the date that such entity re-  
11          ceives an allocation under subsection (f). Any alloca-  
12          tion not used within such 5-year period may be re-  
13          allocated by the Secretary under subsection (f).

14          “(2) LIMITATION.—The maximum amount of  
15          equity investments issued by a qualified community  
16          development entity which may be designated under  
17          paragraph (1)(C) by such entity shall not exceed the  
18          portion of the limitation amount allocated under  
19          subsection (f) to such entity.

20          “(3) SAFE HARBOR FOR DETERMINING USE OF  
21          CASH.—The requirement of paragraph (1)(B) shall  
22          be treated as met if at least 85 percent of the aggre-  
23          gate gross assets of the qualified community devel-  
24          opment entity are invested in qualified low-income  
25          community investments.

1           “(4) TREATMENT OF SUBSEQUENT PUR-  
2 CHASERS.—The term ‘qualified equity investment’  
3 includes any equity investment which would (but for  
4 paragraph (1)(A)) be a qualified equity investment  
5 in the hands of the taxpayer if such investment was  
6 a qualified equity investment in the hands of a prior  
7 holder.

8           “(5) REDEMPTIONS.—A rule similar to the rule  
9 of section 1202(c)(3) shall apply for purposes of this  
10 subsection.

11           “(6) EQUITY INVESTMENT.—The term ‘equity  
12 investment’ means—

13                   “(A) any stock in a qualified community  
14 development entity which is a corporation, and

15                   “(B) any capital interest in a qualified  
16 community development entity which is a part-  
17 nership.

18           “(c) QUALIFIED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTI-  
19 TY.—For purposes of this section—

20                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified com-  
21 munity development entity’ means any domestic cor-  
22 poration or partnership if—

23                           “(A) the primary mission of the entity is  
24 serving, or providing investment capital for,  
25 low-income communities or low-income persons,

1           “(B) the entity maintains accountability to  
2 residents of low-income communities through  
3 representation on governing or advisory boards  
4 or otherwise, and

5           “(C) the entity is certified by the Secretary  
6 for purposes of this section as being a qualified  
7 community development entity.

8           “(2) SPECIAL RULES FOR CERTAIN ORGANIZA-  
9 TIONS.—The requirements of paragraph (1) shall be  
10 treated as met by—

11           “(A) any specialized small business invest-  
12 ment company (as defined in section  
13 1044(c)(3)), and

14           “(B) any community development financial  
15 institution (as defined in section 103 of the  
16 Community Development Banking and Finan-  
17 cial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4702)).

18           “(d) QUALIFIED LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY INVEST-  
19 MENTS.—For purposes of this section—

20           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified low-in-  
21 come community investment’ means—

22           “(A) any equity investment in, or loan to,  
23 any qualified active low-income community busi-  
24 ness,

1           “(B) the purchase from another commu-  
2           nity development entity of any loan made by  
3           such entity which is a qualified low-income com-  
4           munity investment if the amount received by  
5           such other entity from such purchase is used by  
6           such other entity to make qualified low-income  
7           community investments,

8           “(C) financial counseling and other serv-  
9           ices specified in regulations prescribed by the  
10          Secretary to businesses located in, and resi-  
11          dents of, low-income communities, and

12          “(D) any equity investment in, or loan to,  
13          any qualified community development entity if  
14          substantially all of the investment or loan is  
15          used by such entity to make qualified low-in-  
16          come community investments described in sub-  
17          paragraphs (A), (B), and (C).

18          “(2) QUALIFIED ACTIVE LOW-INCOME COMMU-  
19          NITY BUSINESS.—

20                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of para-  
21                 graph (1), the term ‘qualified active low-income  
22                 community business’ means, with respect to any  
23                 taxable year, any corporation or partnership if  
24                 for such year—

1           “(i) at least 50 percent of the total  
2 gross income of such entity is derived from  
3 the active conduct of a qualified business  
4 within any low-income community,

5           “(ii) a substantial portion of the use  
6 of the tangible property of such entity  
7 (whether owned or leased) is within any  
8 low-income community,

9           “(iii) a substantial portion of the serv-  
10 ices performed for such entity by its em-  
11 ployees are performed in any low-income  
12 community,

13           “(iv) less than 5 percent of the aver-  
14 age of the aggregate unadjusted bases of  
15 the property of such entity is attributable  
16 to collectibles (as defined in section  
17 408(m)(2)) other than collectibles that are  
18 held primarily for sale to customers in the  
19 ordinary course of such business, and

20           “(v) less than 5 percent of the aver-  
21 age of the aggregate unadjusted bases of  
22 the property of such entity is attributable  
23 to nonqualified financial property (as de-  
24 fined in section 1397B(e)).

1           “(B) PROPRIETORSHIP.—Such term shall  
2 include any business carried on by an individual  
3 as a proprietor if such business would meet the  
4 requirements of subparagraph (A) were it incor-  
5 porated.

6           “(C) PORTIONS OF BUSINESS MAY BE  
7 QUALIFIED ACTIVE LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY  
8 BUSINESS.—The term ‘qualified active low-in-  
9 come community business’ includes any trades  
10 or businesses which would qualify as a qualified  
11 active low-income community business if such  
12 trades or businesses were separately incor-  
13 porated.

14           “(3) QUALIFIED BUSINESS.—For purposes of  
15 this subsection, the term ‘qualified business’ has the  
16 meaning given to such term by section 1397B(d);  
17 except that—

18           “(A) in lieu of applying paragraph (2)(B)  
19 thereof, the rental to others of real property lo-  
20 cated in any low-income community shall be  
21 treated as a qualified business if there are sub-  
22 stantial improvements located on such property,

23           “(B) paragraph (3) thereof shall not apply,  
24 and

1           “(C) such term shall not include any busi-  
2           ness if a significant portion of the equity inter-  
3           ests in such business are held by any person  
4           who holds a significant portion of the equity in-  
5           vestments in the community development entity.

6           “(e) LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY.—For purposes of  
7 this section—

8           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘low-income com-  
9           munity’ means any population census tract if—

10           “(A) the poverty rate for such tract is at  
11           least 20 percent, or

12           “(B)(i) in the case of a tract not located  
13           within a metropolitan area, the median family  
14           income for such tract does not exceed 80 per-  
15           cent of statewide median family income, or

16           “(ii) in the case of a tract located within  
17           a metropolitan area, the median family income  
18           for such tract does not exceed 80 percent of the  
19           greater of statewide median family income or  
20           the metropolitan area median family income.

21           “(2) AREAS NOT WITHIN CENSUS TRACTS.—In  
22           the case of an area which is not tracted for popu-  
23           lation census tracts, the equivalent county divisions  
24           (as defined by the Bureau of the Census for pur-  
25           poses of defining poverty areas) shall be used for

1 purposes of determining poverty rates and median  
2 family income.

3 “(f) NATIONAL LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF INVEST-  
4 MENTS DESIGNATED.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is a new markets tax  
6 credit limitation of \$1,200,000,000 for each of cal-  
7 endar years 2000 through 2004.

8 “(2) ALLOCATION OF LIMITATION.—The limita-  
9 tion under paragraph (1) shall be allocated by the  
10 Secretary among qualified community development  
11 entities selected by the Secretary. In making alloca-  
12 tions under the preceding sentence, the Secretary  
13 shall give priority to entities with records of having  
14 successfully provided capital or technical assistance  
15 to disadvantaged businesses or communities.

16 “(3) CARRYOVER OF UNUSED LIMITATION.—If  
17 the new markets tax credit limitation for any cal-  
18 endar year exceeds the aggregate amount allocated  
19 under paragraph (2) for such year, such limitation  
20 for the succeeding calendar year shall be increased  
21 by the amount of such excess.

22 “(g) RECAPTURE OF CREDIT IN CERTAIN CASES.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If, at any time during the  
24 5-year period beginning on the date of the original  
25 issue of a qualified equity investment in a qualified

1 community development entity, there is a recapture  
2 event with respect to such investment, then the tax  
3 imposed by this chapter for the taxable year in  
4 which such event occurs shall be increased by the  
5 credit recapture amount.

6 “(2) CREDIT RECAPTURE AMOUNT.—For pur-  
7 poses of paragraph (1), the credit recapture amount  
8 is an amount equal to the sum of—

9 “(A) the aggregate decrease in the credits  
10 allowed to the taxpayer under section 38 for all  
11 prior taxable years which would have resulted if  
12 no credit had been determined under this sec-  
13 tion with respect to such investment, plus

14 “(B) interest at the overpayment rate es-  
15 tablished under section 6621 on the amount de-  
16 termined under subparagraph (A) for each  
17 prior taxable year for the period beginning on  
18 the due date for filing the return for the prior  
19 taxable year involved.

20 No deduction shall be allowed under this chapter for  
21 interest described in subparagraph (B).

22 “(3) RECAPTURE EVENT.—For purposes of  
23 paragraph (1), there is a recapture event with re-  
24 spect to an equity investment in a qualified commu-  
25 nity development entity if—

1           “(A) such entity ceases to be a qualified  
2 community development entity,

3           “(B) the proceeds of the investment cease  
4 to be used as required of subsection (b)(1)(B),  
5 or

6           “(C) such investment is redeemed by such  
7 entity.

8           “(4) SPECIAL RULES.—

9           “(A) TAX BENEFIT RULE.—The tax for  
10 the taxable year shall be increased under para-  
11 graph (1) only with respect to credits allowed  
12 by reason of this section which were used to re-  
13 duce tax liability. In the case of credits not so  
14 used to reduce tax liability, the carryforwards  
15 and carrybacks under section 39 shall be appro-  
16 priately adjusted.

17           “(B) NO CREDITS AGAINST TAX.—Any in-  
18 crease in tax under this subsection shall not be  
19 treated as a tax imposed by this chapter for  
20 purposes of determining the amount of any  
21 credit under this chapter or for purposes of sec-  
22 tion 55.

23           “(h) BASIS REDUCTION.—The basis of any qualified  
24 equity investment shall be reduced by the amount of any

1 credit determined under this section with respect to such  
2 investment.

3 “(i) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe  
4 such regulations as may be appropriate to carry out this  
5 section, including regulations—

6 “(1) which limit the credit for investments  
7 which are directly or indirectly subsidized by other  
8 Federal benefits (including the credit under section  
9 42 and the exclusion from gross income under sec-  
10 tion 103),

11 “(2) which prevent the abuse of the provisions  
12 of this section through the use of related parties,

13 “(3) which impose appropriate reporting re-  
14 quirements, and

15 “(4) which apply the provisions of this section  
16 to newly formed entities.”

17 (b) CREDIT MADE PART OF GENERAL BUSINESS  
18 CREDIT.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 38  
20 of such Code is amended by striking “plus” at the  
21 end of paragraph (11), by striking the period at the  
22 end of paragraph (12) and inserting “, plus”, and  
23 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

24 “(13) the new markets tax credit determined  
25 under section 45D(a).”

1           (2) LIMITATION ON CARRYBACK.—Subsection  
2           (d) of section 39 of such Code is amended by adding  
3           at the end the following new paragraph:

4           “(9) NO CARRYBACK OF NEW MARKETS TAX  
5           CREDIT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2000.—No portion of  
6           the unused business credit for any taxable year  
7           which is attributable to the credit under section 45D  
8           may be carried back to a taxable year ending before  
9           January 1, 2000.”

10          (c) DEDUCTION FOR UNUSED CREDIT.—Subsection  
11          (c) of section 196 of such Code is amended by striking  
12          “and” at the end of paragraph (7), by striking the period  
13          at the end of paragraph (8) and inserting “, and”, and  
14          by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

15                 “(9) the new markets tax credit determined  
16                 under section 45D(a).”

17          (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
18          for subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1  
19          of such Code is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
20          lowing new item:

                  “Sec. 45D. New markets tax credit.”

21          (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
22          this section shall apply to investments made after Decem-  
23          ber 31, 1999.

1 **TITLE III—EXCLUSION OF CER-**  
2 **TAIN SEVERANCE PAYMENT**  
3 **AMOUNTS FROM INCOME**

4 **SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This title may be cited as the “Layoff Tax Relief  
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 302. EXCLUSION FROM INCOME OF SEVERANCE PAY-**  
8 **MENT AMOUNTS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chap-  
10 ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to  
11 items specifically excluded from gross income) is amended  
12 by redesignating section 139 as section 139A and by in-  
13 serting after section 138 the following new section:

14 **“SEC. 139. SEVERANCE PAYMENTS.**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an individual,  
16 gross income shall not include any qualified severance pay-  
17 ment.

18 “(b) LIMITATION.—The amount to which the exclu-  
19 sion under subsection (a) applies shall not exceed \$50,000  
20 with respect to any separation from employment.

21 “(c) QUALIFIED SEVERANCE PAYMENT.—For pur-  
22 poses of this section—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified sever-  
24 ance payment’ means any payment received by an  
25 individual if—

1           “(A) such payment was paid by such indi-  
2           vidual’s employer on account of such individ-  
3           ual’s separation from employment, and

4           “(B) such separation was in connection  
5           with a reduction in the work force of the em-  
6           ployer.

7           Such term shall include any payment received by an  
8           individual from such individual’s employer on ac-  
9           count of such individual’s completion of a degree  
10          program pursuant to an education program of the  
11          employer if such payment is received after such indi-  
12          vidual’s separation from employment in connection  
13          with a reduction in the work force of the employer.

14          “(2) LIMITATION.—Such term shall not include  
15          any payment received by an individual if the aggre-  
16          gate payments received with respect to the separa-  
17          tion from employment exceed \$150,000.”

18          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
19          for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code  
20          is amended by striking the item relating to section 139  
21          and inserting the following new items:

                  “Sec. 139. Severance payments.

                  “Sec. 139A. Cross references to other Acts.”

22          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
23          this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
24          December 31, 1999.

1           **TITLE IV—EXTENSION OF**  
2           **MEDICAL BENEFITS**

3   **SEC. 401. AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT**  
4           **INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.**

5           (a)   ESTABLISHMENT   OF   NEW   QUALIFYING  
6   EVENT.—

7           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 603 of the Employee  
8   Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.  
9   1163) is amended by inserting after paragraph (6)  
10   the following new paragraph:

11           “(7) the covered employee becoming eligible for  
12   adjustment assistance under chapter 2 of title II of  
13   the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 et seq.)”.

14           (2) ELIGIBLE FOR ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE  
15   DEFINED.—Section 607 of such Act (29 U.S.C.  
16   1167) is amended—

17           (A) in paragraph (3)—

18           (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting  
19   “except as otherwise provided in this para-  
20   graph” after “means,”; and

21           (ii) by adding at the end the following  
22   new subparagraph:

23           “(D) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN WORK-  
24   ERS   ELIGIBLE   FOR   ADJUSTMENT   ASSIST-  
25   ANCE.—In the case of a qualifying event de-

1           scribed in section 603(7), the term ‘eligible for  
2           adjustment assistance’ means a covered em-  
3           ployee and any other individual who, on the day  
4           before such qualifying event, is a beneficiary  
5           under the plan on the basis of the individual’s  
6           relationship to such covered employee.”; and

7                       (B) by adding at the end the following new  
8           paragraph:

9                       “(6) ELIGIBLE FOR ADJUSTMENT ASSIST-  
10           ANCE.—The term ‘eligible for adjustment assistance’  
11           means with respect to a qualifying event described in  
12           section 603(7), an individual who becomes eligible  
13           for adjustment assistance under chapter 2 of title II  
14           of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 et seq.)”.

15                      (3) PREMIUM REQUIREMENTS.—Section 602(3)  
16           is amended by adding at the end the following sen-  
17           tence: “In a case of an individual described in para-  
18           graph 607(6), the Federal government shall pay any  
19           premiums previously paid by the employer.

20                      (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
21           this section shall apply to qualifying events occurring on  
22           or after January 1, 2001. In the case of a qualifying event  
23           occurring on or after such date and before the date of  
24           the enactment of this Act, such event shall be deemed (for

1 purposes of such amendments) to have occurred on the  
 2 date of the enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 402. AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**

4 **ACT.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW QUALIFYING  
 6 EVENT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2203 of the Public  
 8 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300bb-3) is amended  
 9 by inserting after paragraph (5) the following new  
 10 paragraph:

11 “(6) the covered employee becoming eligible for  
 12 adjustment assistance under chapter 2 of title II of  
 13 the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 et seq.)”.

14 (2) ELIGIBLE FOR ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE  
 15 DEFINED.—Section 2208 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
 16 300bb-8) is amended—

17 (A) in paragraph (3)—

18 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting  
 19 “except as otherwise provided in this para-  
 20 graph” after “means,”; and

21 (ii) by adding at the end the following  
 22 new subparagraph:

23 “(C) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN WORK-  
 24 ERS ELIGIBLE FOR ADJUSTMENT ASSIST-  
 25 ANCE.—In the case of a qualifying event de-

1           scribed in section 2203(6), the term ‘eligible for  
2           adjustment assistance’ means a covered em-  
3           ployee and any other individual who, on the day  
4           before such qualifying event, is a beneficiary  
5           under the plan on the basis of the individual’s  
6           relationship to such covered employee.”; and

7                       (B) by adding at the end the following new  
8           paragraph:

9                       “(5) ELIGIBLE FOR ADJUSTMENT ASSIST-  
10           ANCE.—The term ‘eligible for adjustment assistance’  
11           means with respect to a qualifying event described in  
12           section 2203(6), an individual who becomes eligible  
13           for adjustment assistance under chapter 2 of title II  
14           of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 et seq.)”.

15                      (3) PREMIUM REQUIREMENTS.—Section  
16           2202(3) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
17           lowing sentence: “In a case of an individual de-  
18           scribed in paragraph 2208(5), the Federal govern-  
19           ment shall pay any premiums previously paid by the  
20           employer.

21                      (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
22           this section shall apply to qualifying events occurring on  
23           or after January 1, 2001. In the case of a qualifying event  
24           occurring on or after such date and before the date of  
25           the enactment of this Act, such event shall be deemed (for

1 purposes of such amendments) to have occurred on the  
 2 date of the enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 403. AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE**  
 4 **OF 1986.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW QUALIFYING  
 6 EVENT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 4980B(f)(3) of the  
 8 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by in-  
 9 serting after subparagraph (F) the following new  
 10 subparagraph:

11 “(G) the covered employee becoming eligi-  
 12 ble for adjustment assistance under chapter 2  
 13 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.  
 14 2271 et seq.)”.

15 (2) ELIGIBLE FOR ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE  
 16 DEFINED.—Section 4980B(g) of such Code is  
 17 amended—

18 (A) in paragraph (1)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting  
 20 “except as otherwise provided in this para-  
 21 graph” after “means,”; and

22 (ii) by adding at the end the following  
 23 new subparagraph:

24 “(E) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN WORK-  
 25 ERS ELIGIBLE FOR ADJUSTMENT ASSIST-

1 ANCE.—In the case of a qualifying event de-  
 2 scribed in subsection (f)(3)(G), the term ‘eligi-  
 3 ble for adjustment assistance’ means a covered  
 4 employee and any other individual who, on the  
 5 day before such qualifying event, is a bene-  
 6 ficiary under the plan on the basis of the indi-  
 7 vidual’s relationship to such covered em-  
 8 ployee.”; and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
 10 paragraph:

11 “(5) ELIGIBLE FOR ADJUSTMENT ASSIST-  
 12 ANCE.—The term ‘eligible for adjustment assistance’  
 13 means with respect to a qualifying event described in  
 14 section (f)(3)(G), an individual who becomes eligible  
 15 for adjustment assistance under chapter 2 of title II  
 16 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 et seq.)”.

17 (3) PREMIUM REQUIREMENTS.—Section  
 18 4980B(f)(2)(C) is amended by adding at the end the  
 19 following sentence: “In a case of an individual de-  
 20 scribed in subsection (g)(5), the Federal government  
 21 shall pay any premiums previously paid by the em-  
 22 ployer.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 24 this section shall apply to qualifying events occurring on  
 25 or after January 1, 2001. In the case of a qualifying event

1 occurring on or after such date and before the date of  
2 the enactment of this Act, such event shall be deemed (for  
3 purposes of such amendments) to have occurred on the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act.

5 **TITLE V—COMMUNITY ECO-**  
6 **NOMIC ADJUSTMENT ACT OF**  
7 **2000**

8 **SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.**

9 This title may be cited as the “Community Economic  
10 Adjustment Act of 2000”.

11 **SEC. 502. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES**

12 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

13 (1) When a community suffers a significant loss  
14 of jobs over a relatively short period of time whether  
15 from industrial or corporate restructuring, new re-  
16 quirements in Federal laws or regulations, reduction  
17 in defense expenditures, depletion of natural re-  
18 sources, natural disasters, changing trade patterns  
19 or other reasons, it can experience sudden economic  
20 distress.

21 (2) Federal departments and agencies with ex-  
22 isting programs that support workers and commu-  
23 nities in States and local areas in their efforts to re-  
24 cover from this economic distress do so in a capacity  
25 defined by the mission of the department or agency.

1           (3) Federal departments and agencies providing  
2           such assistance include the Department of Agri-  
3           culture, Department of Commerce, Department of  
4           Defense, Department of Education, Department of  
5           Labor, Department of Housing and Urban Develop-  
6           ment, the Department of the Treasury, and the  
7           Small Business Administration.

8           (4) To date, no Federal department or agency  
9           has unique authority to coordinate these often inde-  
10          pendent efforts across the Federal Government in  
11          the same manner as the Federal Emergency Man-  
12          agement Agency is charged to coordinate the Fed-  
13          eral response to a disaster or the Department of De-  
14          fense's Office of Economic Adjustment is charged to  
15          coordinate the Federal response for communities ex-  
16          periencing base closures and realignments.

17          (5) There is a recognized need for the Federal  
18          Government to be able to coordinate its response to  
19          communities experiencing sudden economic distress  
20          both at the national level and in the community  
21          itself, and to further be able to coordinate the Fed-  
22          eral response with State and local efforts.

23          (6) The Office of Economic Adjustment of the  
24          Department of Defense has successfully provided  
25          such coordination across the Federal Government

1 for communities experiencing defense base closures  
2 and is a good model on which to base any govern-  
3 ment-wide coordination effort with respect to com-  
4 munities experiencing sudden economic distress.

5 (7) The mission of the Economic Development  
6 Administration of the Department of Commerce in-  
7 cludes helping States and local areas to design and  
8 implement strategies for facilitating adjustment to  
9 changes in their economic situation that are causing  
10 or threaten to cause serious structural damage to  
11 the underlying economic base which may occur sud-  
12 denly, and as a result, is the most appropriate place  
13 in the Federal Government to locate an office to co-  
14 ordinate Federal response to communities experi-  
15 encing sudden economic distress.

16 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this title are—

17 (1) to help communities to adjust to such eco-  
18 nomic dislocation by providing for targeted and inte-  
19 grated Federal responses by authorizing the Sec-  
20 retary of Commerce to coordinate the Federal re-  
21 sponse through an Office of Community Economic  
22 Adjustment which will employ methods and tech-  
23 niques proven successful by the Defense Depart-  
24 ment's Office of Economic Adjustment in connection  
25 with defense base closures; and

1           (2) to increase authorization of appropriations  
2           for community adjustment programs of the Eco-  
3           nomic Development Administration to provide the  
4           Secretary of Commerce with more resources for  
5           grant assistance for communities to support the de-  
6           velopment and implementation of adjustment strate-  
7           gies that are designed to restore vital economic ac-  
8           tivity and create new jobs.

9   **SEC. 503 OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT.**

10          Title V of the Public Works and Economic Develop-  
11          ment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3191) is amended by adding  
12          at the end the following:

13   **“SEC. 508. OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ECONOMIC ADJUST-**  
14                                   **MENT.**

15          “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary is authorized  
16          to establish in the Economic Development Administration  
17          an Office of Community Economic Adjustment (herein-  
18          after in this section referred to as the ‘Office’). The head  
19          of the Office shall, not later than 90 days after the date  
20          of the enactment of the Community Economic Adjustment  
21          Act of 2000, develop an operating plan for the Office.

22          “(b) DUTIES.—The Office shall—

23                  “(1) coordinate the Federal Government’s re-  
24                  sponse to communities experiencing sudden economic  
25                  distress caused by a loss of jobs due to plant clo-

1       sures, significant layoffs, or significant relocation of  
2       jobs to other communities for any reason, including  
3       shifting patterns in international trade, natural dis-  
4       asters or other problems, by—

5               “(A) identifying relevant programs and re-  
6               sources to ensure that communities are aware  
7               of all available Federal resources that com-  
8               plement or support state and local resources  
9               and programs; and

10              “(B) working with the Departments of the  
11              Treasury, Agriculture, Labor, Housing and  
12              Urban Development, and Education, the Small  
13              Business Administration, and other agencies to  
14              ensure that communities receive Federal assist-  
15              ance in a targeted, integrated manner;

16              “(C) assigning a project manager as ap-  
17              propriate to work with an affected community  
18              to carry out subparagraphs (A) and (B);

19              “(2) provide technical assistance, planning  
20              grants, and other assistance under this Act to help  
21              communities organize themselves, develop, and carry  
22              out economic adjustment strategies for replacing in-  
23              dustry and jobs that have been lost or are threat-  
24              ened by the economic downturn;





1 **SEC. 602. RESUME PREPARATION ASSISTANCE FOR ELIGI-**  
2 **BLE INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE WORKFORCE**  
3 **INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998.**

4 (a) **YOUTH ACTIVITIES.**—Section 129(c)(2) of the  
5 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2854(c)(2))  
6 is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “and” at  
8 the end;

9 (2) in subparagraph (J), by striking the period  
10 and inserting “; and”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(K) assistance for the preparation of re-  
13 sumes and related pre-employment assistance.”.

14 (b) **ADULT AND DISLOCATED WORKER ACTIVI-**  
15 **TIES.**—Section 134(d)(2)(D) of the Workforce Investment  
16 Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2864(d)(2)(D)) is amended by in-  
17 serting after “job search and placement assistance” the  
18 following: “, including assistance for the preparation of  
19 resumes and related pre-employment assistance”.

20 **SEC. 603. FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM FOR**  
21 **THE ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOR (IPEC)**  
22 **OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZA-**  
23 **TION (ILO).**

24 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Presi-  
25 dent for a contribution to the International Program for  
26 the Elimination of Child Labor (IPEC) of the Inter-

1 national Labor Organization (ILO) \$45,000,000 for fiscal  
2 year 2001.

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