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H. R. 593

To correct certain inequities in the second round of designation of empowerment zones and enterprise communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LOBIONDO (for himself, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. BONO, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DOOLEY of California, and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. CORRECTION OF INEQUITIES IN THE SECOND**
4 **ROUND OF EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND EN-**
5 **TERPRISE COMMUNITIES.**

6 (a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—There are authorized to be
7 appropriated the following amounts:

1 (1) URBAN EMPOWERMENT ZONES.— To the
2 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, such
3 sums as may be necessary to make grant awards, to
4 each of 15 urban empowerment zones designated
5 pursuant to section 1391(g) of the Internal Revenue
6 Code of 1986, such that the sum of the grant
7 awards for each such zone and any amounts made
8 available pursuant to any prior appropriation for
9 such zone is \$100,000,000; and

10 (2) RURAL EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND ENTER-
11 PRISE COMMUNITIES.—To the Secretary of Agri-
12 culture, such sums as may be necessary—

13 (A) to make grant awards, to each of 5
14 rural empowerment zones designated pursuant
15 to section 1391(g) of the Internal Revenue
16 Code of 1986, such that the sum of the grant
17 awards for each such zone and any amount
18 made available pursuant to any prior appropria-
19 tion for such zone is \$40,000,000; and

20 (B) to make grant awards, to each of 20
21 rural enterprise communities designated pursu-
22 ant to section 766 of the Agriculture, Rural De-
23 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and
24 Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (as
25 contained in section 101(a) of division A of

1 Public Law 105–277; 112 Stat. 2681–37), such
2 that the sum of the grant awards for each such
3 community and any amount made available
4 pursuant to any prior appropriation for such
5 community is \$3,000,000

6 (b) **AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT**
7 **STRATEGIC PLAN.**—Funds appropriated under Federal
8 law for an empowerment zone or enterprise community re-
9 ferred to in subsection (a) may be used to implement the
10 strategic plan for the zone or community, including—

- 11 (1) economic development;
- 12 (2) infrastructure development;
- 13 (3) workforce development; and
- 14 (4) community development activities.

15 (c) **AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS TO PAY NON-FED-**
16 **ERAL SHARE OF MATCHING GRANTS.**—Funds appro-
17 priated under any Federal law for an empowerment zone
18 or empowerment community referred to in subsection (a)
19 may be used to pay the non-Federal share required in con-
20 nection with another Federal grant-in-aid program under-
21 taken as part of activities assisted under this section.

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