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Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for the TIGER
Discretionary Grant program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 2012

Ms. WATERS (for herself, Ms. RICHARDSON, Ms. BASS of California, Ms. HAHN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. RUSH, Mr. CLAY, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. BACA, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. MATSUI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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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purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “TIGER Grants for
3 Job Creation Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The economy is struggling to recover from
7 the recession. The unemployment rate has remained
8 above 8 percent nationally for 40 straight months
9 and is even higher in minority communities and in
10 many areas of the country.

11 (2) The American Society of Civil Engineers’
12 2009 Report Card for America’s Infrastructure esti-
13 mated that there is a \$549,500,000,000 shortfall in
14 investments in roads and bridges and an additional
15 \$190,100,000,000 shortfall in investments in tran-
16 sit.

17 (3) TIGER, formally known as the Transpor-
18 tation Investment Generating Economic Recovery
19 (TIGER) grant program, is a nationwide competitive
20 grant program that creates jobs by funding invest-
21 ments in transportation infrastructure by States,
22 local governments, and transit agencies.

23 (4) TIGER funds projects that will have a sig-
24 nificant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area,
25 or a region.

1 (5) In distributing grants under TIGER, the
2 Secretary of Transportation is required to ensure an
3 equitable geographic distribution of funds, a balance
4 in addressing the needs of urban and rural areas,
5 and investments in a variety of modes of transpor-
6 tation.

7 (6) TIGER received an appropriation of
8 \$500,000,000 in fiscal year 2012.

9 (7) Current appropriations for TIGER are not
10 sufficient to address the need for investments in
11 transportation infrastructure in communities
12 throughout the United States as the amounts only
13 fund a small fraction of the transportation infra-
14 structure projects for which TIGER grant applica-
15 tions have been received.

16 (8) The President requested an appropriation of
17 \$500,000,000 for TIGER in fiscal year 2013.

18 (9) An appropriation of \$500,000,000 for
19 TIGER to be made available in fiscal year 2013 and
20 an additional appropriation of \$500,000,000 to be
21 made available in fiscal year 2014 will allow States,
22 local governments, and transit agencies throughout
23 the United States to improve transportation infra-
24 structure while creating jobs.

1 (10) Emergency supplemental appropriations
 2 for TIGER totaling \$1,000,000,000 to be made
 3 available in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 will allow the
 4 Secretary of Transportation immediately to begin to
 5 organize new competitions for TIGER grants and
 6 allow States, local governments, and transit agencies
 7 to prepare grant applications, thus ensuring an effi-
 8 cient use of funds and timely job creation.

9 **SEC. 3. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR TIGER DIS-**
 10 **CRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM.**

11 The following sums are appropriated, out of any
 12 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for fis-
 13 cal year 2012:

14 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 15 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
 16 NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

17 For an additional amount for “National Infrastruc-
 18 ture Investments” in accordance with the provisions under
 19 this heading in title I of division C of Public Law 112–
 20 55, \$1,000,000,000, of which \$500,000,000 shall become
 21 available on October 1, 2012, and \$500,000,000 shall be-
 22 come available on October 1, 2013: *Provided*, That the
 23 amount under this heading shall remain available until
 24 September 30, 2014: *Provided further*, That the amount
 25 under this heading is designated by the Congress as an

1 emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)
2 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control
3 Act of 1985, except that such amount shall be available
4 only if the President subsequently so designates such
5 amount and transmits such designation to the Congress.

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