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H. R. 313

To provide increased funding for States and communities in need, and for other purposes.

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Mr. RICHMOND introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Targeted Federal
- 5 Funding to Invest in Communities Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. PURPOSE.
- 7 The purpose of this Act is to support State and local
- 8 governments in providing resources so all residents, espe-
- 9 cially those in historically underserved communities, live
- 10 healthy, equitable, and fulfilling lives by—

- 1 (1) providing funding for programs that im-2 prove the quality of life for all residents;
 - (2) investing in communities to provide prosperity and economic security for all people; and
- 5 (3) ensuring that funding is directed at coun-6 teracting systemic injustices and historic disinvest-7 ment.

8 SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

9 In this Act:

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10 (1)ELIGIBLE STATE.—The term "eligible 11 State" means any State in the bottom 10 of all 50 12 States, excluding the District of Columbia, the Com-13 monwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin 14 Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern 15 Mariana Islands, and American Samoa, in a com-16 bined ranking of average life expectancy, infant mor-17 tality rate, poverty rate, and percentage of State 18 population with a college degree. The average life ex-19 pectancy shall be determined based on the most re-20 cent year for which data are available from the Cen-21 ters for Disease Control and Prevention National 22 Center for Health Statistics. The infant mortality 23 rate shall be determined based on data from the 24 Centers for Disease Control National Center for 25 Health Statistics for the most recent year for which

- the data are available. The poverty rate shall be determined based on the most recent year for which data are available from the Bureau of the Census.

 The percentage of State population with a college degree shall be determined based on the most recent
- year for which data are available from the Bureau
 of the Census.
- 9 "persistent poverty county" means any county with
 10 a poverty rate of not less than 20 percent, as deter11 mined in each of the 1990 and 2000 decennial cen12 suses, and in the Small Area Income and Poverty
 13 Estimates of the Bureau of the Census for the most
 14 recent year for which the estimates are available.
- (3) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" meansthe Secretary of the Treasury.

17 SEC. 4. NEW RACE TO THE TOP FUND.

- 18 (a) Authorization of Appropriations.—
- 19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Out of any money in the
 20 Treasury of the United States not otherwise appro21 priated, there are authorized to be appropriated for
 22 making payments to eligible States, Tribal govern23 ments, and units of local government under this sec24 tion, \$20,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021
 25 through 2026.

1	(2) Reservation of funds.—Of the amount
2	appropriated under paragraph (1), the Secretary
3	shall reserve—
4	(A) \$2,000,000,000 of such amount for
5	making payments to the District of Columbia,
6	the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United
7	States Virgin Islands, Guam, the Common-
8	wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and
9	American Samoa;
10	(B) \$3,000,000,000 of such amount for
11	making payments to Tribal governments; and
12	(C) \$5,000,000,000 of such amount for
13	making payment to persistent poverty counties
14	within eligible States.
15	(b) AUTHORITY TO MAKE PAYMENTS.—
16	(1) In general.—Subject to paragraph (2),
17	not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
18	of this section, and annually thereafter, the Sec-

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall pay each eligible State, tribal and territorial government, and each unit of local government that meets the condition described in paragraph (2), the amount determined for the State, Tribal government, or unit of local government, for fiscal year 2021 through 2026 under subsection (c).

(2) DIRECT PAYMENTS TO UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—If a unit of local government of a State submits the certification required by subsection (e) for purposes of receiving a direct payment from the Secretary under the authority of this paragraph, the Secretary shall reduce the amount allocated in (a)(2)(C) by the relative unit of local government population proportion amount described in subsection (c)(5) and pay such amount directly to such unit of local government.

(c) Payment Amounts.—

(1) In General.—Subject to paragraph (2), the amount paid under this section for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2026 to a State that is 1 of the 10 eligible States shall be the amount equal to the relative population proportion amount determined for the State under paragraph (3) for such fiscal year.

(2) Minimum Payment.—

- (A) IN GENERAL.—No State that is 1 of the States receiving payment shall receive a payment under this section for any fiscal year that is less than \$1,000,000,000.
- 24 (B) PRO RATA ADJUSTMENTS.—The Sec-25 retary shall adjust on a pro rata basis the

1	amount of the payments for each of the eligible
2	States determined under this subsection without
3	regard to this subparagraph to the extent nec-
4	essary to comply with the requirements of sub-
5	paragraph (A).
6	(3) Relative population proportion
7	AMOUNT.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the rel-
8	ative population proportion amount determined
9	under this paragraph for a State for fiscal years
10	2021 through 2026 is the product of—
11	(A) the amount appropriated under para-
12	graph (1) of subsection (a) that remains after
13	the application of paragraph (2) of that sub-
14	section; and
15	(B) the relative State population propor-
16	tion (as defined in paragraph (4)).
17	(4) Relative state population proportion
18	DEFINED.—For purposes of paragraph (3)(B), the
19	term "relative State population proportion" means,
20	with respect to a State, the quotient of—
21	(A) the population of the State; and
22	(B) the total population of all eligible
23	States (excluding the District of Columbia and
24	territories specified in subsection (a)(2)(A)).

1	(5) Relative unit of local government
2	POPULATION PROPORTION AMOUNT.—For purposes
3	of subsection (b)(2), the term "relative unit of local
4	government population proportion amount" means,
5	with respect to a unit of local government of a per-
6	sistent poverty county, the amount equal to the
7	quotient of—
8	(A) the population of the unit of local gov-
9	ernment; and
10	(B) the total population of all persistent
11	poverty counties in the eligible States.
12	(6) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND TERRI-
13	TORIES.—The amount paid under this section for
14	fiscal year 2020 to a State that is the District of Co-
15	lumbia or a territory specified in subsection
16	(a)(2)(A) shall be the amount equal to the product
17	of—
18	(A) the amount set aside under subsection
19	(a)(2)(A) for such fiscal year; and
20	(B) each such District's and territory's
21	share of the combined total population of the
22	District of Columbia and all such territories, as
23	determined by the Secretary.
24	(7) Tribal governments.—From the amount
25	set aside under subsection (a)(2)(B) for fiscal years

- 1 2021 through 2026, the amount paid under this sec-2 tion for each fiscal year to a Tribal government shall 3 be the amount the Secretary shall determine, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and In-5 dian Tribes, that is based on increased expenditures 6 of each such Tribal government (or a tribally owned 7 entity of such Tribal government) relative to aggre-8 gate expenditures in fiscal year 2019 by the Tribal 9 government (or tribally owned entity) and deter-10 mined in such manner as the Secretary determines 11 appropriate to ensure that all amounts available 12 under subsection (a)(2)(B) for fiscal years 2021 13 through 2026 are distributed to Tribal governments.
 - (8) Data.—For purposes of this subsection, the population of States and units of local governments shall be determined based on the most recent year for which data are available from the Bureau of the Census.
- 19 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A State, Tribal government, 20 and unit of local government shall use the funds provided 21 under a payment made under this section to cover only 22 those costs of the State, Tribal government, or unit of 23 local government that—
- 24 (1) are necessary expenditures to create or ex-25 pand activity or programs consistent with the pur-

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- poses of this Act that will improve measurable outcomes for health, education, and quality of life for residents;
 - (2) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of this section for the State or government; and
 - (3) were incurred during the period that begins on the date of enactment of this section, and ends five years from the date of enactment of this section.
- 10 (e) CERTIFICATION.—In order to receive a payment 11 under this section, a unit of local government shall provide 12 the Secretary with a certification signed by the Chief Ex13 ecutive for the unit of local government that the local gov14 ernment's proposed uses of the funds are consistent with 15 subsection (d) and the unit of government is located in 16 a persistent poverty county.
- 17 (f) Inspector General Oversight; 18 Recoupment.—
- 19 (1) Oversight authority.—The Inspector 20 General of the Department of the Treasury shall 21 conduct monitoring and oversight of the receipt, dis-22 bursement, and use of funds made available under 23 this section.

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