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To amend the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 to ensure access to employment opportunities for low-income persons.

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To amend the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 to ensure access to employment opportunities for low-income persons.

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 “Affordable Commu-
5 nities Employment Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW-INCOME PER-**
7 **SONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3 of the Housing and
9 Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) is
10 amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 3. OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW- AND VERY LOW-IN-**
2 **COME PERSONS.**

3 “(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

4 “(1) funds administered by the Department of
5 Housing and Urban Development, particularly those
6 intended for housing construction, rehabilitation, re-
7 pair, modernization, management, self-sufficiency,
8 community development, and other public construc-
9 tion, provide State and local governments, housing
10 providers, and other recipients of this Federal finan-
11 cial assistance with substantial funds for projects
12 and activities that produce significant economic op-
13 portunities for the communities where the funds are
14 expended;

15 “(2) low- and very low-income persons, espe-
16 cially recipients of government assistance for hous-
17 ing, often face barriers to access training, employ-
18 ment, and contracting opportunities resulting from
19 the expenditure of Federal funds in their commu-
20 nities;

21 “(3) training, employment, and contracting op-
22 portunities generated by projects and activities that
23 receive assistance from the Department of Housing
24 and Urban Development offer an effective means of
25 empowering low- and very low-income persons and

1 local businesses that provide training and job oppor-
2 tunities for them;

3 “(4) prior Federal efforts to direct training,
4 employment, and contracting opportunities gen-
5 erated by programs administered by the Secretary of
6 Housing and Urban Development to low- and very
7 low-income persons, and businesses that provide
8 training and job opportunities for these persons,
9 have not been fully effective and should be intensi-
10 fied; and

11 “(5) funding provided to other Federal agencies
12 may also produce significant employment and con-
13 tracting opportunities for the communities where the
14 funds are expended;

15 “(b) POLICY.—It is the policy of the Congress and
16 the purpose of this section to ensure that training, employ-
17 ment, and contracting opportunities generated by Federal
18 financial assistance administered by the Secretary of
19 Housing and Urban Development and other Federal agen-
20 cies, when feasible, shall be directed to low- and very low-
21 income persons, particularly those who are recipients of
22 government assistance for housing.

23 “(c) ADMINISTRATION.—There is established, in the
24 Department of Housing and Urban Development, an Of-
25 fice of Economic Opportunities, for carrying out this sec-

1 tion. The Office of Economic Opportunities shall assume
2 any functions and responsibilities relating to carrying out
3 this section that, as of the date of enactment of the Af-
4 fordable Communities Employment Act of 2011, reside in
5 the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

6 “(d) TRAINING.—

7 “(1) RECIPIENTS.—If any recipient of funds
8 administered by the Department provides on-the-job
9 or job-related training to any employee, new hire, or
10 business in relation to the project or projects funded
11 by the Department, priority shall be given to persons
12 and qualified businesses who are eligible for priority
13 under paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively, of sub-
14 section (g).

15 “(2) CONTRACTORS.—If any contractor that
16 performs work connected to the expenditure of funds
17 administered by the Department provides on-the-job
18 training to any employee, new hire, or business in
19 relation to the project or projects funded by the De-
20 partment, priority for such training should be given
21 to persons and qualified businesses who are eligible
22 for priority under paragraphs (1) and (2), respec-
23 tively of subsection (g).

24 “(3) APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAMS.—All
25 training provided pursuant to this subsection shall

1 be provided through a program approved by the
2 Federal Government, by a State or local govern-
3 ment, or by an endorsed trade association, as such
4 term is defined by the Secretary. Training in rela-
5 tion to the expenditure of funds received by the De-
6 partment may also refer to secondary, vocational, or
7 higher education programs, as such terms are de-
8 fined by the Secretary of Education. Recipients and
9 contractors shall be encouraged by the Secretary to
10 provide training by providing performance incentives
11 through the Department's evaluation process.

12 “(4) PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES.—To encour-
13 age establishment of exemplary training programs
14 for training provided pursuant to this subsection,
15 the Secretary shall establish and award performance
16 incentives, including through the Department's eval-
17 uation process, to recipients and contractors estab-
18 lishing such exemplary training programs, including
19 programs providing training that promotes career
20 advancement for persons that receive priority under
21 subsection (g).

22 “(e) EMPLOYMENT.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall require
24 that recipients of funds administered by the Depart-
25 ment, and their contractors and subcontractors, con-

1 sistent with existing Federal, State, and local laws
2 and regulations, give priority to low- and very low-
3 income persons for training and employment oppor-
4 tunities generated by such funds. To the extent that
5 a recipient or contractor of funds awarded by the
6 Department intends to enter into a project labor
7 agreement, the project labor agreement shall include
8 a strategy to comply with the requirements of this
9 section.

10 “(2) REQUIREMENT TO EMPLOY LOW- AND
11 VERY LOW-INCOME PERSONS.—

12 “(A) CONDITION OF ASSISTANCE.—It shall
13 be a condition of any assistance provided by the
14 Secretary to recipients and their contractors
15 and subcontractors, except in the case of rental
16 subsidies provided in accordance with section
17 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
18 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) (but not excepting fund-
19 ing provided in accordance with paragraph (13)
20 of such section 8(o)) or other funding streams
21 as determined by the Secretary, for work to be
22 performed in connection with such funds,
23 that—

24 “(i) for recipients, a minimum of 30
25 percent of new hires in connection with

1 such funds shall be low- and very low-in-
2 come persons who qualify for a priority
3 under subsection (g)(1); and

4 “(ii) for contractors, 20 percent of all
5 hours worked shall be performed by low-
6 and very low-income persons who qualify
7 for a priority under subsection (g)(1).

8 Special consideration shall be given to persons
9 enrolled in State-approved apprenticeship pro-
10 grams. The conditions under this subparagraph
11 shall be applicable to, but not limited to, work
12 such as repair, modernization, management, ad-
13 ministrative, professional services, as well as
14 work related to housing rehabilitation, housing
15 construction, or other public construction
16 projects. Recipients that exceed the percentage
17 required under this subparagraph shall receive
18 performance incentives, as the Secretary shall
19 establish, to encourage them to exceed such re-
20 quirements.

21 “(B) COMPLIANCE.—As a condition of any
22 contract awarded for the work described in sub-
23 paragraph (A), any recipient, contractor, or
24 subcontractor awarded such a contract shall—

1 “(i) ensure that all work in connection
2 with their contract complies with the provi-
3 sions of this subsection;

4 “(ii) submit evidence to its awarding
5 agency that clearly describes how compli-
6 ance with the employment requirements
7 will be achieved; and

8 “(iii) submit evidence to its awarding
9 agency that—

10 “(I) clearly describes actual out-
11 comes produced in fulfillment of the
12 employment requirements of this sec-
13 tion; or

14 “(II)(aa) clearly shows that the
15 recipient, contractor, or subcontractor
16 used all feasible means to meet such
17 employment requirements, including
18 the specific actions taken to meet the
19 employment requirements, and why
20 such actions were not successful, and
21 efforts to overcome deficiencies in
22 such actions to meet the employment
23 requirements,

24 “(bb) shows why the low- and
25 very low-income persons applying for

1 the employment opportunities could
2 not feasibly be hired, or

3 “(cc) is sufficient to show why
4 the employment requirements could
5 not be reached.

6 “(3) FIRST-SOURCE CONTRACTS.—In meeting
7 the requirements under this subsection, recipients of
8 funds administered by the Department, and their
9 contractors and subcontractors may enter into hiring
10 agreements with organizations representing low- and
11 very-low income persons that provide for such recipi-
12 ents, contractors, and subcontractors to make avail-
13 able employment opportunities to such persons rep-
14 resented by such organizations.

15 “(4) PRIORITY FOR RECIPIENTS AND CONTRAC-
16 TORS CREATING LONG-TERM EMPLOYMENT OPPOR-
17 TUNITIES.—In making available funds administered
18 by the Department, the Secretary may give priority
19 in the award of such funds to recipients of such
20 funds who, or whose contractors or subcontractors,
21 or both—

22 “(A) have a demonstrated history of em-
23 ploying low- and very low-income persons for
24 periods of 12 months or longer in connection
25 with previous such funds; and

1 “(B) provide the Secretary with such as-
2 surances as the Secretary may require that
3 among the employment opportunities generated
4 by such funds awarded will be employment posi-
5 tions having a duration of 12 months or longer
6 that will be filled only by low- and very-low in-
7 come persons.

8 This paragraph may not be construed to preempt,
9 alter, or otherwise affect any other provision of law
10 establishing requirements for, or conditions prece-
11 dent to, award of funds administered by the Depart-
12 ment.

13 “(f) CONTRACTING.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall require
15 that recipients of funds administered by the Depart-
16 ment and their contractors and subcontractors, con-
17 sistent with existing Federal, State, and local laws
18 and regulations, award contracts for work to be per-
19 formed in connection with such funds to businesses
20 that provide or retain economic opportunities for
21 low- and very low-income persons. To the extent that
22 a recipient or contractor of funds awarded by the
23 Department intends to enter into a project labor
24 agreement, the project labor agreement shall include

1 a strategy to comply with the requirements of this
2 section.

3 “(2) REQUIREMENT TO CONTRACT WITH QUALI-
4 FIED BUSINESSES.—

5 “(A) CONDITION OF ASSISTANCE.—It shall
6 be a condition of any assistance provided by the
7 Department, that recipients, contractors, and
8 subcontractors for work to be performed in con-
9 nection with such assistance award a minimum
10 of 10 percent of the total dollar amount of all
11 contracts to qualified businesses under sub-
12 section (g)(2)(A). Recipients that exceed such
13 percentage shall receive performance incentives,
14 as the Secretary shall establish, to encourage
15 them to exceed such requirement.

16 “(B) COMPLIANCE.—As a condition of any
17 contract awarded for the work described in sub-
18 paragraph (A), any recipient, contractor, or
19 subcontractor awarded such a contract shall—

20 “(i)(I) immediately before beginning
21 work under such contract, clearly dem-
22 onstrate to its awarding agency how com-
23 pliance with the contracting requirements
24 of this section will be achieved; and

1 “(II) submit evidence to its awarding
2 agency clearly showing actual outcomes
3 produced in fulfillment of the contracting
4 requirements of this section; or

5 “(ii) if such recipient, contractor, or
6 subcontractor cannot meet the require-
7 ments under subparagraph (A)—

8 “(I) submit evidence to its
9 awarding agency showing clearly that
10 such contractor used all feasible
11 means to meet such requirement; or

12 “(II) provide its awarding agen-
13 cy, as the Secretary shall require by
14 regulation, sufficient evidence to show
15 why qualified businesses that sub-
16 mitted a bid in contracting opportuni-
17 ties could not feasibly have been
18 awarded contracts.

19 “(g) PRIORITY.—

20 “(1) PRIORITY OF LOW- AND VERY LOW-IN-
21 COME PERSONS FOR TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT.—

22 The efforts required under subsections (d) and (e)
23 (relating to training and employment) shall be di-
24 rected in the following order of priority:

1 “(A) First, to recipients of Federal rental
2 assistance, including public housing residents,
3 residents of other federally assisted subsidized
4 properties, and participants in the program
5 under section 8(o) of the United States Hous-
6 ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)), who re-
7 side in the service area, and the metropolitan
8 area or nonmetropolitan county, where the as-
9 sistance is being expended.

10 “(B) Second, to low- and very low-income
11 residents of the service area, and the metropoli-
12 tan area or nonmetropolitan county, where the
13 assistance is being expended.

14 “(C) Third, to other residents, as des-
15 ignated by the Secretary by regulation, of the
16 service area, and the metropolitan area or non-
17 metropolitan county, where the assistance is
18 being expended.

19 “(2) PRIORITY OF QUALIFIED BUSINESSES FOR
20 CONTRACTING.—The efforts required under sub-
21 section (f) (relating to contracting) shall be directed
22 in the following order of priority:

23 “(A) First, to qualified businesses that are
24 majority owned and controlled by low- and very-
25 low income persons who reside in the service

1 area, and the metropolitan area or nonmetro-
2 politan county, where the assistance is being ex-
3 pended.

4 “(B) Second, to qualified businesses that
5 provide significant training and job opportuni-
6 ties to low- and very low-income persons who
7 reside in the service area, and the metropolitan
8 area or nonmetropolitan county, where the as-
9 sistance is being expended.

10 “(C) Third, to qualified businesses or to
11 disadvantaged businesses, as defined by the
12 Secretary by regulation, that are located in dis-
13 tressed communities that provide economic op-
14 portunities to low-income residents of the met-
15 ropolitan area or nonmetropolitan county where
16 the assistance is being expended.

17 “(D) Fourth, to small and disadvantaged
18 qualified businesses as defined by the Small
19 Business Administration.

20 “(E) Fifth, to other qualified businesses,
21 as determined by the Secretary by regulation,
22 that are located in the metropolitan area or
23 non-metropolitan county where the assistance is
24 being expended.

1 “(h) REPORTING AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIRE-
2 MENTS.—All notices of funding availability issued by the
3 Department shall include a provision that notifies appli-
4 cants of their requirement to comply with this section, the
5 incentives associated with exceeding such requirements
6 and the penalties associated with noncompliance. The De-
7 partment shall prioritize its funding decisions to recipients
8 that demonstrate that their proposal was developed in con-
9 sultation with employers, local labor organizations, edu-
10 cation and training providers, low- and very low-income
11 persons, especially those entitled to the highest priorities
12 under this section in accordance with paragraph (1) of this
13 subsection, elected bodies representing low- and very low-
14 income persons who live in developments where the assist-
15 ance is being expended, and community-based organiza-
16 tions that work with the targeted individuals and qualified
17 businesses. Recipients shall be required to include infor-
18 mation regarding their compliance with this section in
19 their 5-year plans, annual plans, or any alternative plans
20 that provide for similar reporting. The Department shall
21 make compliance with this section part of any perform-
22 ance standard for recipients and their contractors.

23 “(i) PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY.—In order to permit
24 public examination and appraisal of the program under
25 this section, to enhance the public accountability of recipi-

1 ents, contractors, and subcontractors, and to facilitate co-
2 ordination of activities with different stakeholders, each
3 recipient shall in a timely manner—

4 “(1) furnish citizens and, as appropriate, other
5 interest groups information with reasonable notice
6 concerning the amount of Federal funds available
7 that are subject to the requirements of this section,
8 by service area;

9 “(2) hold annual community hearings to obtain
10 the views of citizens on performance of the recipi-
11 ents, their contractors and subcontractors in com-
12 plying with this section, and such hearings shall—

13 “(A) provide for and encourage citizen par-
14 ticipation, with particular emphasis on partici-
15 pation by low- and very low-income persons who
16 are residents of the developments, service areas,
17 or neighborhoods where funds are proposed to
18 be used; and

19 “(B) identify how the needs of limited
20 English proficiency low- and very low-income
21 persons will be met in the case of public hear-
22 ings where a significant number of such persons
23 can be reasonably expected to participate; and

24 “(3) provide citizens or, as appropriate, units of
25 general local government or other interested parties

1 with reasonable access to records regarding its past
2 compliance, and that of its contractors and sub-
3 contractors, with the program under this section.

4 Recipients shall ensure that outreach efforts under
5 this subsection are coordinated with available resi-
6 dent participation programs in the service area. The
7 Secretary shall publish and make widely available
8 compliance reports for all recipients for at least the
9 last 5 years.

10 “(j) REPORTS.—

11 “(1) AGENCY REPORTS TO SECRETARY.—

12 “(A) REQUIREMENT.—All recipients shall
13 report annually to the Secretary on their em-
14 ployment and contracting requirements and on
15 their contractors and subcontractors perform-
16 ance. Recipients shall ensure that their contrac-
17 tors and subcontractors provide them with the
18 necessary information to furnish such reports.

19 “(B) INFORMATION REGARDING FAILURE
20 TO MEET EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTING RE-
21 QUIREMENT.—For any period in which the re-
22 cipient, or their contractor or subcontractor, did
23 not meet their employment or contracting re-
24 quirement as provided for in subsection (e) or
25 (f), respectively, the report shall describe ac-

1 tions that were taken to meet the requirement,
2 including actions taken or that will be taken in
3 future funding opportunities to address the de-
4 ficiencies in the actions that resulted in failure
5 to meet employment and contracting require-
6 ments.

7 “(C) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each report
8 pursuant to this paragraph shall be made avail-
9 able, in its entirety, to the general public not
10 later than 15 business days after the end of the
11 period covered by the report.

12 “(2) ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

13 “(A) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall
14 report annually to the Congress a summary of
15 information derived from the periodic reports
16 required under paragraph (1) and shall provide
17 information on the total amount of Federal
18 funds that are subject to this section, by pro-
19 gram area and jurisdiction, and the outcomes
20 produced, including specific information on the
21 amount of training, jobs, and contracting op-
22 portunities generated by such funds.

23 “(B) ASSESSMENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE.—
24 Each report shall include an assessment of any
25 noncompliance of any recipients with the re-

1 requirements of this section, by State, and spe-
2 cific recommendations regarding actions to re-
3 duce and eliminate such noncompliance.

4 “(C) REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS.—Each
5 report shall include a review of the effectiveness
6 of the program in providing jobs for low- and
7 very low-income persons, meeting unmet train-
8 ing and job readiness needs in the community,
9 enabling low- and very low-income persons to
10 hold a steady job, providing contracting oppor-
11 tunities for businesses that qualify for priority
12 under subsection (g)(2), and any recommenda-
13 tions the Secretary determines appropriate re-
14 garding the program under this section.

15 “(3) GAO REPORT.—Not later than the expira-
16 tion of the two-year period beginning on the date of
17 the enactment of the Affordable Communities Em-
18 ployment Act of 2011, the Comptroller General of
19 the United States shall submit a report to the Con-
20 gress on the implementation of this section, that
21 specifically describes the extent of compliance with
22 this section, amount of funds awarded that were cov-
23 ered by this section, and outcomes, and that makes
24 recommendations to improve the section’s effective-

1 ness and a recommendation for when there should
2 be a follow-up report.

3 “(k) NONCOMPLIANCE.—

4 “(1) INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT.—In
5 carrying out this section, the Secretary shall develop
6 and implement procedures to review complaints al-
7 leging noncompliance by any recipient or contractor
8 with the requirements of this section, and to take
9 such actions as provided in this subsection as the
10 Secretary determines appropriate to ensure compli-
11 ance and prevent future noncompliance.

12 “(2) SANCTIONS.—Recipient agencies and their
13 contractors and subcontractors that do not comply
14 with this section or the requirements established
15 under the program under this section shall be sanc-
16 tioned by the Secretary, and such sanctions shall in-
17 clude reduction of future funds from the Depart-
18 ment, including any discretionary funds available
19 under the HOPE VI program under section 24 of
20 the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
21 1437v), debarment, suspension, limited denial of
22 participation in programs of the Department, or
23 such other sanctions as determined by the Secretary
24 to discourage noncompliance.

1 “(3) LIMITATIONS ON CONTRACTS.—Recipients
2 shall refrain from entering into contracts with any
3 contractor in any case in which the recipient has no-
4 tice or knowledge that the contractor has violated
5 this section or the requirements of the program
6 under this section.

7 “(4) RELIEF AND RIGHT OF ACTION.—If an in-
8 vestigation by the Department results in conclusive
9 findings of noncompliance, the Department may re-
10 quire the recipient or contractor to grant relief, such
11 as compensation of costs or damages incurred or
12 suffered, to the aggrieved party, as determined by
13 the Secretary. The aggrieved party also shall have
14 the right to bring a civil action against the recipient
15 or contractor found to be in noncompliance by the
16 Department to recover costs or damages incurred or
17 suffered.

18 “(5) EFFECT ON OTHER RIGHTS AND REM-
19 EDIES.—This subsection shall not be construed to
20 interfere with judicial review regarding compliance
21 with this section pursuant to chapter 7 of title 5,
22 United States Code, or an action regarding such
23 compliance under section 1979 of the Revised Stat-
24 utes of the United States (42 U.S.C. 1983), or any
25 other rights or remedies of an aggrieved party and

1 shall not preempt and State or local laws that facili-
2 tate achieving the purposes of this section and pro-
3 vide additional protections to low- and very low-in-
4 come persons or qualified businesses, or both.

5 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section,
6 the following definitions shall apply:

7 “(1) CONTRACTOR.—The term ‘contractor’
8 means any entity that contracts with a recipient to
9 perform work generated by the expenditure of assist-
10 ance from the Department of Housing and Urban
11 Development.

12 “(2) DEPARTMENT.—The term ‘Department’
13 means the Department of Housing and Urban De-
14 velopment.

15 “(3) LOW- AND VERY LOW-INCOME PERSONS.—
16 The terms ‘low-income persons’ and ‘very low-income
17 persons’ have the same meanings given the terms
18 ‘low-income families’ and ‘very low-income families’,
19 respectively, in section 3(b)(2) of the United States
20 Housing Act of 1937, or such other definitions as
21 the Secretary may determine appropriate to facili-
22 tate the employment of a low- and very low-income
23 persons in a designated area or areas, on a tem-
24 porary or permanent basis, based on a family’s re-
25 ceipt, in such area or areas of Federal, State, or

1 local government housing, income, food, or other
2 subsidies, and on such other criteria as the Sec-
3 retary may establish through regulation. Notwith-
4 standing any provision of this paragraph, any person
5 who qualifies for a priority under subsection (g)(1),
6 and who was very low income shall, for purposes of
7 this section, continue to qualify, as initially verified,
8 for a period of 5 years, irrespective of any increase
9 in the person's income or other change in that per-
10 son's priority status during such period.

11 “(4) QUALIFIED BUSINESS.—The term ‘quali-
12 fied business’ means a entity that meets such cri-
13 teria as the Secretary may establish, which may in-
14 clude a national certification process.

15 “(5) RECIPIENT.—The term ‘recipient’ means
16 any entity that receives assistance directly from the
17 Department, and includes any State, unit of local
18 government, public housing agency, Indian housing
19 authority, Indian tribe, and any other public body,
20 public or private nonprofit or for-profit organization,
21 and private agency or institution.

22 “(6) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’
23 means, except as specifically provided otherwise, the
24 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

1 “(m) COORDINATION WITH OTHER FEDERAL AGEN-
2 CIES.—

3 “(1) COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Within
4 180 days after the enactment of the Affordable
5 Communities Employment Act of 2011, the Sec-
6 retary shall enter into formal collaborative agree-
7 ments regarding training, employment, contracting,
8 or other areas as determined by the Secretary for
9 low- and very low-income persons and qualified busi-
10 nesses with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of
11 Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Com-
12 merce, the Administrator of the Small Business Ad-
13 ministration, the Secretary of Transportation, the
14 Secretary of Education, and the heads of such other
15 Federal agencies as the Secretary determines nec-
16 essary to carry out this section and to promote and
17 maximize access to existing resources and programs.

18 “(2) REPORT.—Within 12 months after the en-
19 actment of the Affordable Communities Employment
20 Act of 2011, the Secretary shall submit a report to
21 the Congress on changes needed in the programs ad-
22 ministered by other agencies that interact with the
23 program under this section to facilitate the effective
24 implementation and outcomes of the program under
25 this section.”.

1 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
3 Housing and Urban Development shall issue regulations
4 to implement the requirements of section 3 of the Housing
5 and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u),
6 as amended by subsection (a) of this section.

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