

[Roll No. 600]

YEAS—359

Adams	Espeallat	Lawler
Aderholt	Evans	Lee (CA)
Aguilar	Ezell	Lee (FL)
Alford	Fallon	Lee (NV)
Allen	Feenstra	Lee (PA)
Allred	Ferguson	Leger Fernandez
Amodei	Finstad	Letlow
Arrington	Fischbach	Levin
Babin	Fitzgerald	Lieu
Bacon	Fitzpatrick	Lofgren
Baird	Fleischmann	Lucas
Balderson	Fletcher	Luetkemeyer
Balint	Flood	Luna
Barr	Foushee	Luttrell
Barragán	Fox	Lynch
Beatty	Frankel, Lois	Mace
Bentz	Franklin, Scott	Malliotakis
Bera	Fry	Mann
Bergman	Fulcher	Manning
Beyer	Gaetz	Mast
Bice	Gallagher	Matsui
Bilirakis	Garamendi	McBath
Bishop (GA)	Garbarino	McCaul
Blunt Rochester	Garcia (IL)	McClain
Boebert	Garcia (TX)	McClellan
Bonamici	Garcia, Mike	McClintock
Bost	Gimenez	McCollum
Bowman	Golden (ME)	McCormick
Boyle (PA)	Gomez	McGarvey
Brown	Gonzales, Tony	McGovern
Brownley	Gonzalez,	Meeks
Buck	Vicente	Menendez
Buchson	Gooden (TX)	Meuser
Burchett	Gosar	Mfume
Burgess	Granger	Miller (WV)
Bush	Graves (LA)	Miller-Meeks
Calvert	Green, Al (TX)	Mills
Cammack	Griffith	Molinaro
Caraveo	Grijalva	Moolenaar
Carbajal	Grothman	Mooney
Cárdenas	Guthrie	Moore (UT)
Carey	Hageman	Moore (WI)
Carl	Harder (CA)	Moran
Carson	Harris	Morelle
Carter (GA)	Hayes	Moskowitz
Carter (LA)	Hern	Moulton
Carter (TX)	Higgins (NY)	Mrvan
Cartwright	Hill	Mullin
Casar	Himes	Murphy
Case	Hinson	Napolitano
Casten	Horsford	Neal
Castor (FL)	Houchin	Neguse
Castro (TX)	Houlahan	Nehls
Chavez-DeRemer	Hoyer	Newhouse
Cherfilus-	Hoyle (OR)	Nickel
McCormick	Hudson	Nunn (IA)
Chu	Huffman	Oberto
Clark (MA)	Huizenga	Ocasio-Cortez
Clarke (NY)	Hunt	Omar
Cleaver	Issa	Owens
Clyburn	Ivey	Pallone
Cohen	Jackson (NC)	Palmer
Cole	Jackson (TX)	Panetta
Collins	Jacobs	Pappas
Comer	James	Pascarell
Connolly	Jayapal	Payne
Correa	Jeffries	Peltola
Costa	Johnson (GA)	Peters
Courtney	Johnson (OH)	Pettersen
Crawford	Johnson (SD)	Pfluger
Crockett	Jordan	Pingree
Crow	Joyce (OH)	Pocan
Cuellar	Joyce (PA)	Porter
Curtis	Kamlager-Dove	Posey
Davids (KS)	Kaptur	Pressley
Davis (IL)	Kean (NJ)	Quigley
Davis (NC)	Kelly (IL)	Ramirez
Dean (PA)	Kelly (MS)	Raskin
DeGette	Kelly (PA)	Reschenthaler
DeLauro	Khanna	Rodgers (WA)
DelBene	Kiggans (VA)	Rogers (AL)
Deluzio	Kildee	Rose
DeSaulnier	Kiley	Ross
DesJarlais	Kilmer	Rouzer
Diaz-Balart	Kim (CA)	Ruiz
Dingell	Kim (NJ)	Ruppersberger
Doggett	Krishnamoorthi	Rutherford
Donalds	Kustoff	Ryan
Duarte	LaLota	Salazar
Duncan	LaMalfa	Salinas
Dunn (FL)	Lamborn	Sánchez
Edwards	Landsman	Sarbanes
Ellzey	Langworthy	Scalise
Emmer	Larson (CT)	Scanlon
Escobar	Latta	Schneider
Eshoo	LaTurner	Scholten

Schrier	Steube	Van Orden
Schweikert	Stevens	Vasquez
Scott (VA)	Strickland	Veasey
Scott, Austin	Strong	Velázquez
Scott, David	Sykes	Wagner
Sessions	Takano	Walberg
Sewell	Tenney	Waltz
Sherman	Thanedar	Wasserman
Sherrill	Thompson (CA)	Schultz
Simpson	Thompson (MS)	Waters
Slotkin	Thompson (PA)	Watson Coleman
Smith (MO)	Tiffany	Weber (TX)
Smith (NE)	Timmons	Webster (FL)
Smith (NJ)	Titus	Wenstrup
Smith (WA)	Tlaib	Westerman
Smucker	Tokuda	Wexton
Sorensen	Tonko	Wild
Soto	Torres (CA)	Williams (GA)
Spanberger	Torres (NY)	Williams (NY)
Spartz	Trahan	Williams (TX)
Stansbury	Turner	Wilson (SC)
Stanton	Underwood	Womack
Stauber	Valadao	Yakym
Stefanik	Van Drew	Zinke
Steil	Van Dwyne	

NAYS—24

Bean (FL)	Crane	Moore (AL)
Biggs	Davidson	Norman
Bishop (NC)	Good (VA)	Ogles
Brecheen	Greene (GA)	Perry
Burlison	Harshbarger	Rosendale
Cline	Higgins (LA)	Roy
Cloud	Lesko	Santos
Clyde	Massie	Self

NOT VOTING—49

Armstrong	Gottheimer	Nadler
Auchincloss	Graves (MO)	Norcross
Banks	Green (TN)	Pelosi
Blumenauer	Guest	Pence
Buchanan	Jackson (IL)	Perez
Budzinski	Jackson Lee	Phillips
Ciscomani	Keating	Rogers (KY)
Craig	Kuster	Schakowsky
Crenshaw	LaHood	Schiff
D'Esposito	Larsen (WA)	Steel
De La Cruz	Loudermilk	Swalwell
Estes	Magaziner	Trone
Foster	McCarthy	Vargas
Frost	McHenry	Wilson (FL)
Gallego	Meng	Wittman
Garcia, Robert	Miller (IL)	
Goldman (NY)	Miller (OH)	

□ 1910

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 1607, to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 599.

Had I been present for the vote on H.R. 359, the Fort Geronimo Preservation Act, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 600.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 599 and "yea" on rollcall No. 600.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, today I missed a series of rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 599 and "yea" on rollcall No. 600.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I had to miss votes today due to travel from Illinois to Washington. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 599 and "yea" on rollcall No. 600.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, due to my train being delayed, I did not make it to the Capitol in time for votes this evening. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 599 and "yea" on rollcall No. 600.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

□ 1915

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 838 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4820.

Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GIMENEZ) kindly take the Chair.

□ 1916

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4820) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, with Mr. GIMENEZ (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, all time for general debate pursuant to House Resolution 838 had expired.

Pursuant to the rule, the bill shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

The bill shall be considered as read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4820

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary, \$176,859,000 to remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) \$3,569,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Secretary;

(2) \$1,277,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Deputy Secretary;

(3) \$28,089,000 shall be available for the Office of the General Counsel;

(4) \$22,769,000 shall be available for the Office of the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, of which \$7,300,000 is for the Office for Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy;

(5) \$21,026,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs;

(6) \$3,968,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs;

(7) \$41,399,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration;

(8) \$2,093,000 shall be available for the Office of Public Affairs and Public Engagement;

(9) \$2,312,000 shall be available for the Office of the Executive Secretariat;

(10) \$15,533,000 shall be available for the Office of Intelligence, Security, and Emergency Response;

(11) \$33,195,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Information Officer; and

(12) \$1,629,000 shall be available for the Office of Tribal Government Affairs:

Provided further, That the Secretary of Transportation (referred to in this title as the “Secretary”) is authorized to transfer funds appropriated for any office of the Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office of the Secretary: *Provided further*, That no appropriation for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than 7 percent by all such transfers: *Provided further*, That notice of any change in funding greater than 7 percent shall be submitted for approval to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$10,000 shall be for allocation within the Department for official reception and representation expenses as the Secretary may determine: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, there may be credited to this appropriation up to \$2,500,000 in funds received in user fees.

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

For necessary expenses related to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, \$41,713,000, of which \$30,259,000 shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That there may be credited to this appropriation, to be available until expended, funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources for expenses incurred for training: *Provided further*, That any reference in law, regulation, judicial proceedings, or elsewhere to the Research and Innovative Technology Administration shall continue to be deemed to be a reference to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology of the Department of Transportation.

NATIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND INNOVATIVE FINANCE BUREAU

For necessary expenses of the National Surface Transportation and Innovative Finance Bureau as authorized by 49 U.S.C. 116, \$10,550,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary may collect and spend fees, as authorized by title 23, United States Code, to cover the costs of services of expert firms, including counsel, in the field of municipal and project finance to assist in the underwriting and servicing of Federal credit instruments and all or a portion of the costs to the Federal Government of servicing such credit instruments: *Provided further*, That such fees are available until expended to pay for such costs: *Provided further*, That such amounts are in addition to other amounts made available for

such purposes and are not subject to any obligation limitation or the limitation on administrative expenses under section 608 of title 23, United States Code.

RAILROAD REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT FINANCING PROGRAM

The Secretary is authorized to issue direct loans and loan guarantees pursuant to chapter 224 of title 49, United States Code, and such authority shall exist as long as any such direct loan or loan guarantee is outstanding.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CAPITAL

For necessary expenses for upgrading and enhancing the Department of Transportation’s financial systems and re-engineering business processes, \$5,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2025.

CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVES

For necessary expenses for cyber security initiatives, including necessary upgrades to network and information technology infrastructure, improvement of identity management and authentication capabilities, securing and protecting data, implementation of Federal cyber security initiatives, and implementation of enhanced security controls on agency computers and mobile devices, \$49,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025.

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights, \$14,800,000.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for conducting transportation planning, research, systems development, development activities, and making grants, \$25,017,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of such amount, \$8,517,000 shall be for necessary expenses of the Interagency Infrastructure Permitting Improvement Center (IIPIC): *Provided further*, That there may be transferred to this appropriation, to remain available until expended, amounts transferred from other Federal agencies for expenses incurred under this heading for IIPIC activities not related to transportation infrastructure: *Provided further*, That the tools and analysis developed by the IIPIC shall be available to other Federal agencies for the permitting and review of major infrastructure projects not related to transportation only to the extent that other Federal agencies provide funding to the Department in accordance with the preceding proviso.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for operating costs and capital outlays of the Working Capital Fund, not to exceed \$522,165,000, shall be paid from appropriations made available to the Department of Transportation: *Provided*, That such services shall be provided on a competitive basis to entities within the Department of Transportation: *Provided further*, That the limitation in the preceding proviso on operating expenses shall not apply to entities external to the Department of Transportation or for funds provided in Public Law 117–58: *Provided further*, That no funds made available by this Act to an agency of the Department shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund without majority approval of the Working Capital Fund Steering Committee and approval of the Secretary: *Provided further*, That no assessments may be levied against any program, budget activity, subactivity, or project funded by this Act unless notice of such assessments and the basis therefor are presented to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and are approved by such Committees.

SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS

UTILIZATION AND OUTREACH

For necessary expenses for small and disadvantaged business utilization and outreach activities, \$5,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 332 of title 49, United States Code, such amounts may be used for business opportunities related to any mode of transportation: *Provided further*, That appropriations made available under this heading shall be available for any purpose consistent with prior year appropriations that were made available under the heading “Office of the Secretary—Minority Business Resource Center Program”.

PAYMENTS TO AIR CARRIERS

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

In addition to funds made available from any other source to carry out the essential air service program under sections 41731 through 41742 of title 49, United States Code, \$348,554,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That in determining between or among carriers competing to provide service to a community, the Secretary may consider the relative subsidy requirements of the carriers: *Provided further*, That basic essential air service minimum requirements shall not include the 15-passenger capacity requirement under section 41732(b)(3) of title 49, United States Code: *Provided further*, That amounts authorized to be distributed for the essential air service program under section 41742(b) of title 49, United States Code, shall be made available immediately from amounts otherwise provided to the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration: *Provided further*, That the Administrator may reimburse such amounts from fees credited to the account established under section 45303 of title 49, United States Code: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding section 41733 of title 49, United States Code, for fiscal year 2024, the requirements established under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section 41731(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code, and the subsidy cap established by section 332 of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, shall not apply to maintain eligibility under section 41731 of title 49, United States Code.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 101. None of the funds made available by this Act to the Department of Transportation may be obligated for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to approve assessments or reimbursable agreements pertaining to funds appropriated to the operating administrations in this Act, except for activities underway on the date of enactment of this Act, unless such assessments or agreements have completed the normal reprogramming process for congressional notification.

SEC. 102. The Secretary shall post on the web site of the Department of Transportation a schedule of all meetings of the Council on Credit and Finance, including the agenda for each meeting, and require the Council on Credit and Finance to record the decisions and actions of each meeting.

SEC. 103. In addition to authority provided by section 327 of title 49, United States Code, the Department’s Working Capital Fund is authorized to provide partial or full payments in advance and accept subsequent reimbursements from all Federal agencies from available funds for transit benefit distribution services that are necessary to carry out the Federal transit pass transportation fringe benefit program under Executive Order No. 13150 and section 3049 of

SAFETEA-LU (5 U.S.C. 7905 note): *Provided*, That the Department shall maintain a reasonable operating reserve in the Working Capital Fund, to be expended in advance to provide uninterrupted transit benefits to Government employees: *Provided further*, That such reserve shall not exceed 1 month of benefits payable and may be used only for the purpose of providing for the continuation of transit benefits: *Provided further*, That the Working Capital Fund shall be fully reimbursed by each customer agency from available funds for the actual cost of the transit benefit.

SEC. 104. Receipts collected in the Department's Working Capital Fund, as authorized by section 327 of title 49, United States Code, for unused transit and van pool benefits, in an amount not to exceed 10 percent of fiscal year 2024 collections, shall be available until expended in the Department's Working Capital Fund to provide contractual services in support of section 189 of this Act: *Provided*, That obligations in fiscal year 2024 of such collections shall not exceed \$1,000,000.

SEC. 105. None of the funds in this title may be obligated or expended for retention or senior executive bonuses for an employee of the Department of Transportation without the prior written approval of the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

SEC. 106. In addition to authority provided by section 327 of title 49, United States Code, the Department's Administrative Working Capital Fund is hereby authorized to transfer information technology equipment, software, and systems from Departmental sources or other entities and collect and maintain a reserve at rates which will return full cost of transferred assets.

SEC. 107. None of the funds provided in this Act to the Department of Transportation may be used to provide credit assistance unless not less than 3 days before any application approval to provide credit assistance under sections 603 and 604 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary provides notification in writing to the following committees: the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations; the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs of the Senate; and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives: *Provided*, That such notification shall include, but not be limited to, the name of the project sponsor; a description of the project; whether credit assistance will be provided as a direct loan, loan guarantee, or line of credit; and the amount of credit assistance.

SEC. 108. Of the unobligated balances from amounts made available for "Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program" in title I of division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), \$8,948,237.30 is hereby permanently rescinded.

SEC. 109. With respect to amounts provided under the heading "National Infrastructure Investments" in title VIII of division J of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58) for fiscal year 2024 to carry out section 6702 of title 49, United States Code, the set aside for historically disadvantaged communities or areas of persistent poverty under subsection (f)(2) of such section shall be treated as not less than 5 percent for fiscal year 2024.

SEC. 109A. The Secretary of Transportation may transfer amounts awarded to a Federally recognized Tribe under a funding agreement entered into under part 29 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, from the Department of Transportation's Operating Administrations to the Office of Tribal Government Affairs: *Provided*, That any amounts retroceded or reassumed under such part

may be transferred back to the appropriate Operating Administration.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses of the Federal Aviation Administration, not otherwise provided for, including operations and research activities related to commercial space transportation, administrative expenses for research and development, establishment of air navigation facilities, the operation (including leasing) and maintenance of aircraft, subsidizing the cost of aeronautical charts and maps sold to the public, the lease or purchase of passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, \$12,729,627,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, of which \$8,740,627,000 to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund: *Provided*, That of the amounts made available under this heading—

- (1) not less than \$1,745,532,000 shall be available for aviation safety activities;
- (2) \$9,439,068,000 shall be available for air traffic organization activities;
- (3) \$47,018,000 shall be available for commercial space transportation activities;
- (4) \$949,376,000 shall be available for finance and management activities;
- (5) \$70,097,000 shall be available for NextGen and operations planning activities;
- (6) \$163,951,000 shall be available for security and hazardous materials safety activities; and
- (7) \$314,585,000 shall be available for staff offices:

Provided further, That not to exceed 5 percent of any budget activity, except for aviation safety budget activity, may be transferred to any budget activity under this heading: *Provided further*, That no transfer may increase or decrease any appropriation under this heading by more than 5 percent: *Provided further*, That any transfer in excess of 5 percent shall be treated as a reprogramming of funds under section 405 of this Act and shall not be available for obligation or expenditure except in compliance with the procedures set forth in that section: *Provided further*, That not later than 60 days after the submission of the budget request, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall transmit to Congress an annual update to the report submitted to Congress in December 2004 pursuant to section 221 of the Vision 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (49 U.S.C. 40101 note): *Provided further*, That the amounts made available under this heading shall be reduced by \$100,000 for each day after 60 days after the submission of the budget request that such report has not been transmitted to Congress: *Provided further*, That not later than 60 days after the submission of the budget request, the Administrator shall transmit to Congress a companion report that describes a comprehensive strategy for staffing, hiring, and training flight standards and aircraft certification staff in a format similar to the one utilized for the controller staffing plan, including stated attrition estimates and numerical hiring goals by fiscal year: *Provided further*, That the amounts made available under this heading shall be reduced by \$100,000 for each day after the date that is 60 days after the submission of the budget request that such report has not been submitted to Congress: *Provided further*, That funds may be used to enter into a grant agreement with a nonprofit standard-setting organization to assist in the development of aviation safety standards: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available by this Act shall be available for new applicants for the second career training program: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available by this Act shall be available for

the Federal Aviation Administration to finalize or implement any regulation that would promulgate new aviation user fees not specifically authorized by law after the date of the enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That there may be credited to this appropriation, as offsetting collections, funds received from States, counties, municipalities, foreign authorities, other public authorities, and private sources for expenses incurred in the provision of agency services, including receipts for the maintenance and operation of air navigation facilities, and for issuance, renewal or modification of certificates, including airman, aircraft, and repair station certificates, or for tests related thereto, or for processing major repair or alteration forms: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading, not less than \$194,000,000 shall be used to fund direct operations of the current air traffic control towers in the contract tower program, including the contract tower cost share program, and any airport that is currently qualified or that will qualify for the program during the fiscal year: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available by this Act for aeronautical charting and cartography are available for activities conducted by, or coordinated through, the Working Capital Fund: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any other Act may be used to eliminate the Contract Weather Observers program at any airport.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for acquisition, establishment, technical support services, improvement by contract or purchase, and hire of national airspace systems and experimental facilities and equipment, as authorized under part A of subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code, including initial acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant; engineering and service testing, including construction of test facilities and acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant; construction and furnishing of quarters and related accommodations for officers and employees of the Federal Aviation Administration stationed at remote localities where such accommodations are not available; and the purchase, lease, or transfer of aircraft from funds made available under this heading, including aircraft for aviation regulation and certification; to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, \$2,972,949,000, of which \$617,020,000 is for personnel and related expenses and shall remain available until September 30, 2025; \$2,330,929,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2026; and \$25,000,000 shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That there may be credited to this appropriation funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources, for expenses incurred in the establishment, improvement, and modernization of national airspace systems: *Provided further*, That not later than 60 days after submission of the budget request, the Secretary of Transportation shall transmit to the Congress an investment plan for the Federal Aviation Administration which includes funding for each budget line item for fiscal years 2025 through 2029, with total funding for each year of the plan constrained to the funding targets for those years as estimated and approved by the Office of Management and Budget: *Provided further*, That section 405 of this Act shall apply to amounts made available under this heading in title VIII of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (division J of Public Law 117-58).

RESEARCH, ENGINEERING, AND DEVELOPMENT
(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for research, engineering, and development, as authorized under part A of subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code, including construction of experimental facilities and acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant, \$196,050,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to remain available until September 30, 2026: *Provided*, That there may be credited to this appropriation as offsetting collections, funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources, which shall be available for expenses incurred for research, engineering, and development: *Provided further*, That amounts made available under this heading shall be used in accordance with the Report accompanying this Act: *Provided further*, That not to exceed 10 percent of any funding level specified under this heading in the Report accompanying this Act may be transferred to any other funding level specified under this heading in the Report accompanying this Act: *Provided further*, That no transfer may increase or decrease any funding level by more than 10 percent: *Provided further*, That any transfer in excess of 10 percent shall be treated as a reprogramming of funds under section 405 of this Act and shall not be available for obligation or expenditure except in compliance with the procedures set forth in that section: *Provided further*, That any activity carried out using funds made available under this heading for counter-unmanned aerial systems research, testing, and evaluation may be carried out notwithstanding section 46502 of title 49, United States Code, or sections 32, 1030, or 1367 and chapters 119 and 206 of title 18 of such code.

GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)
(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)
(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For liquidation of obligations incurred for grants-in-aid for airport planning and development, and noise compatibility planning and programs as authorized under subchapter I of chapter 471 and subchapter I of chapter 475 of title 49, United States Code, and under other law authorizing such obligations; for procurement, installation, and commissioning of runway incursion prevention devices and systems at airports of such title; for grants authorized under section 41743 of title 49, United States Code; and for inspection activities and administration of airport safety programs, including those related to airport operating certificates under section 44706 of title 49, United States Code, \$3,350,000,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That none of the amounts made available under this heading shall be available for the planning or execution of programs the obligations for which are in excess of \$3,350,000,000, in fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding section 47117(g) of title 49, United States Code: *Provided further*, That none of the amounts made available under this heading shall be available for the replacement of baggage conveyor systems, reconfiguration of terminal baggage areas, or other airport improvements that are necessary to install bulk explosive detection systems: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 47109(a) of title 49, United States Code, the Government's share of allowable project costs under paragraph (2) of such section for subgrants or paragraph (3) of such section shall be 95 percent for a project at other than a large or medium hub airport

that is a successive phase of a multi-phased construction project for which the project sponsor received a grant in fiscal year 2011 for the construction project: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, of amounts limited under this heading, not less than \$157,475,000 shall be available for administration, \$15,000,000 shall be available for the Airport Cooperative Research Program, \$41,801,000 shall be available for Airport Technology Research, and \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available and transferred to "Office of the Secretary, Salaries and Expenses" to carry out the Small Community Air Service Development Program: *Provided further*, That in addition to airports eligible under section 41743 of title 49, United States Code, such program may include the participation of an airport that serves a community or consortium that is not larger than a small hub airport, according to FAA hub classifications effective at the time the Office of the Secretary issues a request for proposals.

GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS

For an additional amount for "Grants-In-Aid for Airports", to enable the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for projects as authorized by subchapter 1 of chapter 471 and subchapter 1 of chapter 475 of title 49, United States Code, \$303,921,257 to remain available through September 30, 2026: *Provided*, That amounts made available under this heading shall be derived from the general fund, and such funds shall not be subject to apportionment formulas, special apportionment categories, or minimum percentages under chapter 471 of title 49, United States Code: *Provided further*, That the sums appropriated under this heading shall be made available for the purposes, and in amounts, specified for Community Project Funding in the table entitled "Community Project Funding" included in the Report accompanying this Act.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL
AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 110. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to compensate in excess of 600 technical staff-years under the federally funded research and development center contract between the Federal Aviation Administration and the Center for Advanced Aviation Systems Development during fiscal year 2024.

SEC. 111. None of the funds made available by this Act shall be used to pursue or adopt guidelines or regulations requiring airport sponsors to provide to the Federal Aviation Administration without cost building construction, maintenance, utilities and expenses, or space in airport sponsor-owned buildings for services relating to air traffic control, air navigation, or weather reporting: *Provided*, That the prohibition on the use of funds in this section does not apply to negotiations between the agency and airport sponsors to achieve agreement on "below-market" rates for these items or to grant assurances that require airport sponsors to provide land without cost to the Federal Aviation Administration for air traffic control facilities.

SEC. 112. The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration may reimburse amounts made available to satisfy section 41742(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code, from fees credited under section 45303 of title 49, United States Code, and any amount remaining in such account at the close of any fiscal year may be made available to satisfy section 41742(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code, for the subsequent fiscal year.

SEC. 113. Amounts collected under section 40113(e) of title 49, United States Code, shall be credited to the appropriation current at the time of collection, to be merged with and

available for the same purposes as such appropriation.

SEC. 114. None of the funds made available by this Act shall be available for paying premium pay under section 5546(a) of title 5, United States Code, to any Federal Aviation Administration employee unless such employee actually performed work during the time corresponding to such premium pay.

SEC. 115. None of the funds made available by this Act may be obligated or expended for an employee of the Federal Aviation Administration to purchase a store gift card or gift certificate through use of a Government-issued credit card.

SEC. 116. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds made available under this Act or any prior Act may be used to implement or to continue to implement any limitation on the ability of any owner or operator of a private aircraft to obtain, upon a request to the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, a blocking of that owner's or operator's aircraft registration number, Mode S transponder code, flight identification, call sign, or similar identifying information from any ground based display to the public that would allow the real-time or near real-time flight tracking of that aircraft's movements, except data made available to a Government agency, for the noncommercial flights of that owner or operator.

SEC. 117. None of the funds made available by this Act shall be available for salaries and expenses of more than nine political and Presidential appointees in the Federal Aviation Administration.

SEC. 118. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to increase fees pursuant to section 44721 of title 49, United States Code, until the Federal Aviation Administration provides to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a report that justifies all fees related to aeronautical navigation products and explains how such fees are consistent with Executive Order No. 13642.

SEC. 119. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to close a regional operations center of the Federal Aviation Administration or reduce its services unless the Administrator notifies the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations not less than 90 full business days in advance.

SEC. 119A. None of the funds made available by or limited by this Act may be used to change weight restrictions or prior permission rules at Teterboro airport in Teterboro, New Jersey.

SEC. 119B. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to withhold from consideration and approval any new application for participation in the Contract Tower Program, or for reevaluation of Cost-share Program participants so long as the Federal Aviation Administration has received an application from the airport, and so long as the Administrator determines such tower is eligible using the factors set forth in Federal Aviation Administration published establishment criteria.

SEC. 119C. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to open, close, redesignate as a lesser office, or reorganize a regional office, the aeronautical center, or the technical center unless the Administrator submits a request for the reprogramming of funds under section 405 of this Act.

SEC. 119D. The Federal Aviation Administration Administrative Services Franchise Fund may be reimbursed after performance or paid in advance from funds available to the Federal Aviation Administration and other Federal agencies for which the Fund performs services.

SEC. 119E. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the FAA may be used to carry out the FAA's obligations under section 44502(e) of title 49, United States Code, unless the eligible air traffic system or equipment to be transferred to the FAA under section 44502(e) of title 49, United States Code, was purchased by the transferor airport—

(1) during the period of time beginning on October 5, 2018 and ending on December 31, 2021; or

(2) on or after January 1, 2022 for transferor airports located in a non-contiguous States.

SEC. 119F. Of the funds provided under the heading "Grants-in-aid for Airports", up to \$3,500,000 shall be for necessary expenses, including an independent verification regime, to provide reimbursement to airport sponsors that do not provide gateway operations and providers of general aviation ground support services, or other aviation tenants, located at those airports closed during a temporary flight restriction (TFR) for any residence of the President that is designated or identified to be secured by the United States Secret Service, and for direct and incremental financial losses incurred while such airports are closed solely due to the actions of the Federal Government: *Provided*, That no funds shall be obligated or distributed to airport sponsors that do not provide gateway operations and providers of general aviation ground support services until an independent audit is completed: *Provided further*, That losses incurred as a result of violations of law, or through fault or negligence, of such operators and service providers or of third parties (including airports) are not eligible for reimbursements: *Provided further*, That obligation and expenditure of funds are conditional upon full release of the United States Government for all claims for financial losses resulting from such actions.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Not to exceed \$483,551,671 together with advances and reimbursements received by the Federal Highway Administration, shall be obligated for necessary expenses for administration and operation of the Federal Highway Administration: *Provided*, That in addition, \$3,248,000 shall be transferred to the Appalachian Regional Commission in accordance with section 104(a) of title 23, United States Code.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS
(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)
(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

Funds available for the implementation or execution of authorized Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs shall not exceed total obligations of \$60,095,782,888 for fiscal year 2024: *Provided*, That the limitation on obligations under this heading shall only apply to contract authority authorized from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), unless otherwise specified in law.

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)
(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For the payment of obligations incurred in carrying out authorized Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, \$60,834,782,888 shall be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), to remain available until expended.

HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

There is hereby appropriated to the Secretary \$1,361,627,349: *Provided*, That the funds

made available under this heading shall be derived from the general fund, shall be in addition to any funds provided for fiscal year 2024 in this or any other Act for: (1) "Federal-aid Highways" under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code; or (2) activities eligible under the Tribal Transportation Program under section 202 of such title, and shall not affect the distribution or amount of funds provided in any other Act: *Provided further*, That section 11101(e) of Public Law 117-58 shall apply to funds made available under this heading: *Provided further*, That amounts made available under this heading shall be available until September 30, 2027, and shall not be subject to any limitation on obligations for Federal-aid highways or highway safety construction programs set forth in any Act making annual appropriations: *Provided further*, That of the sums made available under this heading—

(1) \$1,211,627,349 shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for Community Project Funding in the table entitled "Community Project Funding" included in the Report accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That, except as otherwise provided under this heading, the funds made available under this paragraph shall be administered as if apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code: *Provided further*, That funds made available under this paragraph that are used for Tribal projects shall be administered as if allocated under chapter 2 of title 23, United States Code, except that the set-asides described in subparagraph (C) of section 202(b)(3) of title 23, United States Code, and subsections (a)(6), (c), and (e) of section 202 of such title, and section 1123(h)(1) of MAP-21 (as amended by Public Law 117-58), shall not apply to such funds; and

(2) \$150,000,000 shall be available for activities eligible under the Tribal Transportation Program, as described in section 202 of title 23, United States Code: *Provided*, That, except as otherwise provided under this heading, the funds made available under this paragraph shall be administered as if allocated under chapter 2 of title 23, United States Code: *Provided further*, That the set-asides described in subparagraph (C) of section 202(b)(3) of title 23, United States Code, and subsections (a)(6), (c), (d), and (e) of section 202 of such title shall not apply to funds made available under this paragraph: *Provided further*, That the set-aside described in section 1123(h)(1) of MAP-21 (as amended by Public Law 117-58), shall not apply to such funds.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

SEC. 120. (a) For fiscal year 2024, the Secretary of Transportation shall—

(1) not distribute from the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways—

(A) amounts authorized for administrative expenses and programs by section 104(a) of title 23, United States Code; and

(B) amounts authorized for the Bureau of Transportation Statistics;

(2) not distribute an amount from the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways that is equal to the unobligated balance of amounts—

(A) made available from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) for Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs for previous fiscal years the funds for which are allocated by the Secretary (or apportioned by the Secretary under section 202 or 204 of title 23, United States Code); and

(B) for which obligation limitation was provided in a previous fiscal year;

(3) determine the proportion that—

(A) the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways, less the aggregate of amounts

not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection; bears to

(B) the total of the sums authorized to be appropriated for the Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs (other than sums authorized to be appropriated for provisions of law described in paragraphs (1) through (11) of subsection (b) and sums authorized to be appropriated for section 119 of title 23, United States Code, equal to the amount referred to in subsection (b)(12) for such fiscal year), less the aggregate of the amounts not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection;

(4) distribute the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways, less the aggregate amounts not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2), for each of the programs (other than programs to which paragraph (1) applies) that are allocated by the Secretary under authorized Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, or apportioned by the Secretary under section 202 or 204 of title 23, United States Code, by multiplying—

(A) the proportion determined under paragraph (3); by

(B) the amounts authorized to be appropriated for each such program for such fiscal year; and

(5) distribute the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways, less the aggregate amounts not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) and the amounts distributed under paragraph (4), for Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs that are apportioned by the Secretary under title 23, United States Code (other than the amounts apportioned for the National Highway Performance Program in section 119 of title 23, United States Code, that are exempt from the limitation under subsection (b)(12) and the amounts apportioned under sections 202 and 204 of that title) in the proportion that—

(A) amounts authorized to be appropriated for the programs that are apportioned under title 23, United States Code, to each State for such fiscal year; bears to

(B) the total of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the programs that are apportioned under title 23, United States Code, to all States for such fiscal year.

(b) EXCEPTIONS FROM OBLIGATION LIMITATION.—The obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways shall not apply to obligations under or for—

(1) section 125 of title 23, United States Code;

(2) section 147 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978 (23 U.S.C. 144 note; 92 Stat. 2714);

(3) section 9 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1981 (95 Stat. 1701);

(4) subsections (b) and (j) of section 131 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 2119);

(5) subsections (b) and (c) of section 149 of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987 (101 Stat. 198);

(6) sections 1103 through 1108 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (105 Stat. 2027);

(7) section 157 of title 23, United States Code (as in effect on June 8, 1998);

(8) section 105 of title 23, United States Code (as in effect for fiscal years 1998 through 2004, but only in an amount equal to \$639,000,000 for each of those fiscal years);

(9) Federal-aid highway programs for which obligation authority was made available under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (112 Stat. 107) or subsequent Acts for multiple years or to remain available until expended, but only to the extent that the obligation authority has not lapsed or been used;

(10) section 105 of title 23, United States Code (as in effect for fiscal years 2005 through 2012, but only in an amount equal to \$639,000,000 for each of those fiscal years);

(11) section 1603 of SAFETEA-LU (23 U.S.C. 118 note; 119 Stat. 1248), to the extent that funds obligated in accordance with that section were not subject to a limitation on obligations at the time at which the funds were initially made available for obligation; and

(12) section 119 of title 23, United States Code (but, for each of fiscal years 2013 through 2024, only in an amount equal to \$639,000,000).

(c) REDISTRIBUTION OF UNUSED OBLIGATION AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretary shall, after August 1 of such fiscal year—

(1) revise a distribution of the obligation limitation made available under subsection (a) if an amount distributed cannot be obligated during that fiscal year; and

(2) redistribute sufficient amounts to those States able to obligate amounts in addition to those previously distributed during that fiscal year, giving priority to those States having large unobligated balances of funds apportioned under sections 144 (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of Public Law 112-141) and 104 of title 23, United States Code.

(d) APPLICABILITY OF OBLIGATION LIMITATIONS TO TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PROGRAMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways shall apply to contract authority for transportation research programs carried out under—

(A) chapter 5 of title 23, United States Code;

(B) title VI of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act; and

(C) title III of division A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58).

(2) EXCEPTION.—Obligation authority made available under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) remain available for a period of 4 fiscal years; and

(B) be in addition to the amount of any limitation imposed on obligations for Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs for future fiscal years.

(e) REDISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN AUTHORIZED FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of distribution of obligation limitation under subsection (a), the Secretary shall distribute to the States any funds (excluding funds authorized for the program under section 202 of title 23, United States Code) that—

(A) are authorized to be appropriated for such fiscal year for Federal-aid highway programs; and

(B) the Secretary determines will not be allocated to the States (or will not be apportioned to the States under section 204 of title 23, United States Code), and will not be available for obligation, for such fiscal year because of the imposition of any obligation limitation for such fiscal year.

(2) RATIO.—Funds shall be distributed under paragraph (1) in the same proportion as the distribution of obligation authority under subsection (a)(5).

(3) AVAILABILITY.—Funds distributed to each State under paragraph (1) shall be available for any purpose described in section 133(b) of title 23, United States Code.

SEC. 121. Notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, funds received by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics from the sale of data products, for necessary expenses incurred pursuant to chapter 63 of title 49, United States Code, may be credited to the Federal-aid

highways account for the purpose of reimbursing the Bureau for such expenses.

SEC. 122. Not less than 15 days prior to waiving, under his or her statutory authority, any Buy America requirement for Federal-aid highways projects, the Secretary of Transportation shall make an informal public notice and comment opportunity on the intent to issue such waiver and the reasons therefor: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall post on a website any waivers granted under the Buy America requirements.

SEC. 123. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to make a grant for a project under section 117 of title 23, United States Code, unless the Secretary, at least 60 days before making a grant under that section, provides written notification to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of the proposed grant, including an evaluation and justification for the project and the amount of the proposed grant award.

SEC. 124. (a) A State or territory, as defined in section 165 of title 23, United States Code, may use for any project eligible under section 133(b) of title 23 or section 165 of title 23 and located within the boundary of the State or territory any earmarked amount, and any associated obligation limitation: *Provided*, That the Department of Transportation for the State or territory for which the earmarked amount was originally designated or directed notifies the Secretary of its intent to use its authority under this section and submits an annual report to the Secretary identifying the projects to which the funding would be applied. Notwithstanding the original period of availability of funds to be obligated under this section, such funds and associated obligation limitation shall remain available for obligation for a period of 3 fiscal years after the fiscal year in which the Secretary is notified. The Federal share of the cost of a project carried out with funds made available under this section shall be the same as associated with the earmark.

(b) In this section, the term "earmarked amount" means—

(1) congressionally directed spending, as defined in rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, identified in a prior law, report, or joint explanatory statement, which was authorized to be appropriated or appropriated more than 10 fiscal years prior to the current fiscal year, and administered by the Federal Highway Administration; or

(2) a congressional earmark, as defined in rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, identified in a prior law, report, or joint explanatory statement, which was authorized to be appropriated or appropriated more than 10 fiscal years prior to the current fiscal year, and administered by the Federal Highway Administration.

(c) The authority under subsection (a) may be exercised only for those projects or activities that have obligated less than 10 percent of the amount made available for obligation as of October 1 of the current fiscal year, and shall be applied to projects within the same general geographic area within 25 miles for which the funding was designated, except that a State or territory may apply such authority to unexpended balances of funds from projects or activities the State or territory certifies have been closed and for which payments have been made under a final voucher.

(d) The Secretary shall submit consolidated reports of the information provided by the States and territories annually to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

SEC. 125. (a) Of the unallocated and unobligated balances available to the Federal Highway Administration, the following funds are hereby permanently cancelled, subject to subsections (b) and (c), from the following accounts and programs in the specified amounts:

(1) \$53,160,115 from funds available in the "Surface Transportation Priorities" account (69 X 0538);

(2) \$1,839,130 from funds available in the "Delta Regional Transportation Development Program" account (69 X 0551);

(3) \$11,814,580 from funds available in the "Appalachian Development Highway System" account (69 X 0640);

(4) \$392,112 from funds available in the "Bridge Capacity Improvements" account (69 X 8057);

(5) \$30,640,110 from funds available in the "Miscellaneous Highway Project" account (69 X 8058); and

(6) \$7,063,307 from funds available in the "Highway Projects" account (69 X 8382).

(b) No amounts may be cancelled under subsection (a) from any funds for which a State exercised its authority under section 125 of division L of Public Law 114-113, section 422 of division K of Public Law 115-31, section 126 of division L of Public Law 115-141, section 125 of division G of Public Law 116-6, section 125 of division H of Public Law 116-94, section 124 of division L of Public Law 116-260, section 124 of division L of Public Law 117-103, or section 124 of division L of Public Law 117-328.

(c) No amounts may be cancelled under subsection (a) from any amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 126. None of the funds made available by this or any other Act may be used to finalize, implement, administer, or enforce the proposed rule entitled "National Performance Management Measures; Assessing Performance of the National Highway System, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Measure" published by the Federal Highway Administration in the Federal Register on July 15, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 42401) or successor regulation.

FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in the implementation, execution and administration of motor carrier safety operations and programs pursuant to section 31110 of title 49, United States Code, as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58), \$375,000,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), together with advances and reimbursements received by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the sum of which shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That funds available for implementation, execution, or administration of motor carrier safety operations and programs authorized under title 49, United States Code, shall not exceed total obligations of \$375,000,000, for "Motor Carrier Safety Operations and Programs" for fiscal year 2024, of which \$14,073,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2026, is for the research and technology program, and of which not less than \$63,098,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2026, is for development, modernization, enhancement, and continued operation and maintenance of information technology and information management.

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY GRANTS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out sections 31102, 31103, 31104, and

31313 of title 49, United States Code, \$516,300,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) and to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That funds available for the implementation or execution of motor carrier safety programs shall not exceed total obligations of \$516,300,000 in fiscal year 2024 for “Motor Carrier Safety Grants”: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading—

(1) \$406,500,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2025, shall be for the motor carrier safety assistance program;

(2) \$43,500,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2025, shall be for the commercial driver's license program implementation program;

(3) \$60,000,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2025, shall be for the high priority program;

(4) \$1,300,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2025, shall be for the commercial motor vehicle operators grant program; and

(5) \$5,000,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2025, shall be for the commercial motor vehicle enforcement training and support grant program.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 130. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration shall send notice of section 385.308 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, violations by certified mail, registered mail, or another manner of delivery, which records the receipt of the notice by the persons responsible for the violations.

SEC. 131. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any other Act may be used to promulgate any rule or regulation to require vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of more than 26,000 pounds operating in interstate commerce to be equipped with a speed limiting device set to a maximum speed.

SEC. 132. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any other Act may be used to require the use of inward facing cameras as a condition for participation in the apprenticeship pilot program under section 23022 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (49 U.S.C. 31315 note).

SEC. 133. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any other Act may be used to implement a policy or regulation for the requirement that a motor carrier register an apprenticeship program with the Department of Labor, including registration under part 29 of title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, in order to participate in the apprenticeship pilot program under section 23022 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (49 U.S.C. 31315 note).

SEC. 134. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Transportation by this Act or any other Act may be obligated or expended to implement, administer, or enforce the requirements of section 31137 of title 49, United States Code, or any regulation issued by the Secretary pursuant to such section, with respect to the use of electronic logging devices by operators of commercial motor vehicles, as defined in section 31132(1) of such title, transporting livestock as defined in section 602 of the Emergency Livestock Feed Assistance Act of 1988 (7 U.S.C. 1471) or insects.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH

For expenses necessary to discharge the functions of the Secretary, with respect to traffic and highway safety, authorized under chapter 301 and part C of subtitle VI of title

49, United States Code, \$260,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2025.

OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION) (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS) (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of section 403 of title 23, United States Code, including behavioral research on Automated Driving Systems and Advanced Driver Assistance Systems and improving consumer responses to safety recalls, section 25024 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58), and chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code, \$201,200,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) and to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That none of the funds in this Act shall be available for the planning or execution of programs the total obligations for which, in fiscal year 2024, are in excess of \$201,200,000: *Provided further*, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) \$194,000,000 shall be for programs authorized under section 403 of title 23, United States Code, including behavioral research on Automated Driving Systems and Advanced Driver Assistance Systems and improving consumer responses to safety recalls, and section 25024 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58); and

(2) \$7,200,000 shall be for the National Driver Register authorized under chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code:

Provided further, That within the \$201,200,000 obligation limitation for operations and research, \$57,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2025, and shall be in addition to the amount of any limitation imposed on obligations for future years: *Provided further*, That amounts for behavioral research on Automated Driving Systems and Advanced Driver Assistance Systems and improving consumer responses to safety recalls are in addition to any other funds provided for those purposes for fiscal year 2024 in this Act.

HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION) (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS) (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out provisions of sections 402, 404, and 405 of title 23, United States Code, and grant administration expenses under chapter 4 of title 23, United States Code, to remain available until expended, \$813,300,800, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account): *Provided*, That none of the funds in this Act shall be available for the planning or execution of programs for which the total obligations in fiscal year 2024 are in excess of \$813,300,800 for programs authorized under sections 402, 404, and 405 of title 23, United States Code, and grant administration expenses under chapter 4 of title 23, United States Code: *Provided further*, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) \$378,400,000 shall be for “Highway Safety Programs” under section 402 of title 23, United States Code;

(2) \$353,500,000 shall be for “National Priority Safety Programs” under section 405 of title 23, United States Code;

(3) \$40,300,000 shall be for the “High Visibility Enforcement Program” under section 404 of title 23, United States Code; and

(4) \$41,100,800 shall be for grant administrative expenses under chapter 4 of title 23, United States Code:

Provided further, That none of these funds shall be used for construction, rehabilita-

tion, or remodeling costs, or for office furnishings and fixtures for State, local or private buildings or structures: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$500,000 of the funds made available for “National Priority Safety Programs” under section 405 of title 23, United States Code, for “Impaired Driving Countermeasures” (as described in subsection (d) of that section) shall be available for technical assistance to the States: *Provided further*, That with respect to the “Transfers” provision under section 405(a)(8) of title 23, United States Code, any amounts transferred to increase the amounts made available under section 402 shall include the obligation authority for such amounts: *Provided further*, That the Administrator shall notify the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of any exercise of the authority granted under the preceding proviso or under section 405(a)(8) of title 23, United States Code, within 5 days.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION—NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 140. The limitations on obligations for the programs of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration set in this Act shall not apply to obligations for which obligation authority was made available in previous public laws but only to the extent that the obligation authority has not lapsed or been used.

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION SAFETY AND OPERATIONS

For necessary expenses of the Federal Railroad Administration, not otherwise provided for, \$273,458,000, of which \$25,000,000 shall remain available until expended.

RAILROAD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

For necessary expenses for railroad research and development, \$44,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the amounts provided under this heading, up to \$3,000,000 shall be available pursuant to section 20108(d) of title 49, United States Code, for the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings and improvements at the Transportation Technology Center.

CONSOLIDATED RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

For necessary expenses related to Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements grants, as authorized by section 22907 of title 49, United States Code, \$258,464,439 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act, \$28,864,439 shall be made available for the purposes, and in amounts, specified for Community Project Funding in the table entitled “Community Project Funding” included in the Report accompanying this Act: *Provided further*, That amounts made available for Community Project Funding under this heading in this Act shall be available for railroad project planning activities of projects otherwise eligible under 22907(c): *Provided further*, That requirements under subsections (g) and (l) of section 22907 of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply to the amounts made available under this heading in this Act for Community Project Funding: *Provided further*, That for amounts made available under this heading in this Act, eligible recipients under section 22907(b)(7) of title 49, United States Code, shall include any holding company of a Class II railroad or Class III railroad (as those terms are defined in section 20102 of title 49, United States Code): *Provided further*, That the Secretary may withhold up to 2 percent of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act for the costs of award and project management oversight of grants carried out under title 49, United States Code.

NORTHEAST CORRIDOR GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

To enable the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for activities associated with the Northeast Corridor as authorized by section 22101(a) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58), \$99,231,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary may retain up to one-half of one percent of the amounts made available under both this heading in this Act and the “National Network Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation” heading in this Act to fund the costs of project management and oversight of activities authorized by section 22101(c) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58).

NATIONAL NETWORK GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

To enable the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for activities associated with the National Network as authorized by section 22101(b) of division B of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58), \$776,376,000, to remain available until expended.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 150. The amounts made available to the Secretary or to the Federal Railroad Administration for the costs of award, administration, and project management oversight of financial assistance which are administered by the Federal Railroad Administration, in this and prior Acts, may be transferred to the Federal Railroad Administration’s “Financial Assistance Oversight and Technical Assistance” account for the necessary expenses to support the award, administration, project management oversight, and technical assistance of financial assistance administered by the Federal Railroad Administration, in the same manner as appropriated for in this and prior Acts: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to amounts that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 151. None of the funds made available to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation may be used to fund any overtime costs in excess of \$35,000 for any individual employee: *Provided*, That the President of Amtrak may waive the cap set in the preceding proviso for specific employees when the President of Amtrak determines such a cap poses a risk to the safety and operational efficiency of the system: *Provided further*, That the President of Amtrak shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, a summary of all overtime payments incurred by Amtrak for 2023 and the three prior calendar years: *Provided further*, That such summary shall include the total number of employees that received waivers and the total overtime payments Amtrak paid to employees receiving waivers for each month for 2023 and for the three prior calendar years.

SEC. 152. None of the funds made available to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation under the headings “Northeast Corridor Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation” and “National Network Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation” may be used to reduce the total number of Amtrak Police Department uniformed officers patrolling on board passenger trains or at stations, facilities or rights-of-way below the staffing level on May 1, 2019.

SEC. 153. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act or any other Act may be provided to the State of California for a high-speed rail corridor development project that is the same or substantially similar to the project that is the subject of Cooperative Agreement No. FR-HSR-0118-12-01-01 entered into between the California High-Speed Rail Authority and the Federal Railroad Administration.

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

TRANSIT FORMULA GRANTS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in the Federal Public Transportation Assistance Program in this account, and for payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5305, 5307, 5310, 5311, 5312, 5314, 5318, 5329(e)(6), 5334, 5335, 5337, 5339, and 5340, as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, section 20005(b) of Public Law 112-141, and section 3006(b) of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act, \$13,990,000,000, to be derived from the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund and to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That funds available for the implementation or execution of programs authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5305, 5307, 5310, 5311, 5312, 5314, 5318, 5329(e)(6), 5334, 5335, 5337, 5339, and 5340, as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, section 20005(b) of Public Law 112-141, and section 3006(b) of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act, shall not exceed total obligations of \$13,990,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.

TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

For an additional amount for Community Project Funding for projects and activities eligible under chapter 53 of such title, \$130,828,124, to remain available until expended, for the purposes, and in amounts, specified for Community Project Funding in the table entitled “Community Project Funding” included in the Report accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That unless otherwise specified, applicable requirements under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, shall apply to amounts made available in this paragraph, except that the Federal share of the costs for a project in this paragraph shall be in an amount equal to 80 percent of the net costs of the project, unless the Secretary approves a higher maximum Federal share of the net costs of the project consistent with administration of similar projects funded under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code: *Provided further*, That amounts made available under this heading in this Act shall be derived from the general fund: *Provided further*, That amounts made available under this heading in this Act shall not be subject to any limitation on obligations for transit programs set forth in this or any other Act.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING

For necessary expenses to carry out section 5314 of title 49, United States Code, \$8,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, of which \$500,000 shall be for the purpose of providing technical assistance and resources to Federally Recognized Tribes through the National Rural Transportation Assistance Program authorized under 5311(b)(3)(C) of title 49, United States Code: *Provided*, That the assistance provided under this heading does not duplicate the activities of section 5312 of title 49, United States Code: *Provided further*, That amounts made available under this heading are in addition to any other amounts made available for such purposes: *Provided further*, That amounts

made available under this heading shall not be subject to any limitation on obligations set forth in this or any other Act.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS

For necessary expenses to carry out fixed guideway capital investment grants under section 5309 of title 49, United States Code, and section 3005(b) of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (Public Law 114-94), \$392,204,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$388,281,960 shall be available for projects authorized under section 5309(d) of title 49, United States Code.

GRANTS TO THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

For grants to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority as authorized under section 601 of division B of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-432), \$150,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Transportation shall approve grants for capital and preventive maintenance expenditures for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority only after receiving and reviewing a request for each specific project: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall determine that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority has placed the highest priority on those investments that will improve the safety of the system before approving such grants.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 160. The limitations on obligations for the programs of the Federal Transit Administration shall not apply to any authority under 49 U.S.C. 5338, previously made available for obligation, or to any other authority previously made available for obligation.

SEC. 161. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated or limited by this Act under the heading “Capital Investment Grants” of the Federal Transit Administration for projects specified in this Act not obligated by September 30, 2027, and other recoveries, shall be directed to projects eligible to use the funds for the purposes for which they were originally provided.

SEC. 162. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any funds appropriated before October 1, 2023, under any section of chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, that remain available for expenditure, may be transferred to and administered under the most recent appropriation heading for any such section.

SEC. 163. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used to adjust apportionments or withhold funds from apportionments pursuant to section 9503(e)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 9503(e)(4)).

GREAT LAKES ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to the Corporation, and in accord with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations, as provided by section 9104 of title 31, United States Code, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the Corporation’s budget for the current fiscal year.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE (HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses to conduct the operations, maintenance, and capital infrastructure activities on portions of the St. Lawrence Seaway owned, operated, and maintained by the Great Lakes St. Lawrence

Seaway Development Corporation, \$40,288,000, to be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, pursuant to section 210 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2238): *Provided*, That of the amounts made available under this heading, not less than \$16,300,000 shall be for the seaway infrastructure program.

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
MARITIME SECURITY PROGRAM
(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses to maintain and preserve a U.S.-flag merchant fleet as authorized under chapter 531 of title 46, United States Code, to serve the national security needs of the United States, \$318,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the unobligated balances from prior year appropriations available under this heading, \$6,000,000 are hereby permanently rescinded.

CABLE SECURITY FLEET

For the cable security fleet program, as authorized under chapter 532 of title 46, United States Code, \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended.

TANKER SECURITY PROGRAM

For Tanker Security Fleet payments, as authorized under section 53406 of title 46, United States Code, \$60,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That funds appropriated for the Tanker Security Fleet Program in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (P.L. 117-103) shall be available as authorized under section 53406 of title 46, United States Code, and for the Secretary to timely reimburse each program participant up to \$2,500,000 for each of its vessels covered by an operating agreement under section 53403 of title 46, United States Code, for verifiable training and other costs incurred to ensure that mariners on such vessels are fully qualified to meet the specialized requirements to serve on product tank vessels.

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

For necessary expenses of operations and training activities authorized by law, \$210,181,000: *Provided*, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) \$89,507,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2025, for the operations of the United States Merchant Marine Academy;

(2) \$11,900,000 shall remain available until expended, for facilities maintenance and repair, and equipment, at the United States Merchant Marine Academy;

(3) \$31,921,000 shall remain available until expended, for capital improvements at the United States Merchant Marine Academy;

(4) \$6,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2025, for the Maritime Environmental and Technical Assistance program authorized under section 50307 of title 46, United States Code; and

(5) \$10,000,000 shall remain available until expended, for the United States Marine Highway Program to make grants for the purposes authorized under section 55601 of title 46, United States Code:

Provided further, That the Administrator of the Maritime Administration shall transmit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations the annual report on sexual assault and sexual harassment at the United States Merchant Marine Academy as required pursuant to section 3510 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017 (46 U.S.C. 51318): *Provided further*, That available balances under this heading for the Short Sea Transportation Program or America's Marine Highway Program (now known as the United States Marine Highway Program) from prior year recoveries shall be available to carry out activities authorized

under section 55601 of title 46, United States Code.

STATE MARITIME ACADEMY OPERATIONS

For necessary expenses of operations, support, and training activities for State Maritime Academies, \$56,400,000: *Provided*, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) \$22,000,000 shall remain available until expended, for maintenance, repair, and life extension of training ships at the State Maritime Academies;

(2) \$19,200,000 shall remain available until expended, for the National Security Multi-Mission Vessel Program, including funds for construction, planning, administration, and design of school ships and, as determined by the Secretary, necessary expenses to design, plan, construct infrastructure, and purchase equipment necessary to berth such ships;

(3) \$2,400,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2028, for the Student Incentive Program;

(4) \$6,800,000 shall remain available until expended, for training ship fuel assistance; and

(5) \$6,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2025, for direct payments for State Maritime Academies:

Provided further, That the Administrator of the Maritime Administration may use the funds made available under paragraph (2) and the funds provided for shoreside infrastructure improvements in Public Law 117-103 for the purposes described in paragraph (2): *Provided further*, That such funds may be used to reimburse State Maritime Academies for costs incurred prior to the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That such funds shall be available for reimbursement only for those costs incurred in compliance with all applicable Federal law, including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 300101 et seq.).

ASSISTANCE TO SMALL SHIPYARDS

To make grants to qualified shipyards as authorized under section 54101 of title 46, United States Code, \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended.

SHIP DISPOSAL

For necessary expenses related to the disposal of obsolete vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet of the Maritime Administration, \$6,000,000, to remain available until expended.

MARITIME GUARANTEED LOAN (TITLE XI)
PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program, \$3,000,000, which shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriations for "Maritime Administration—Operations and Training".

PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM

To make grants to improve port facilities as authorized under section 54301 of title 46, United States Code, \$69,727,566 to remain available until expended, for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for Community Project Funding in the table entitled "Community Project Funding" included in the Report accompanying this Act.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—MARITIME
ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 170. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, in addition to any existing authority, the Maritime Administration is authorized to furnish utilities and services and make necessary repairs in connection with any lease, contract, or occupancy involving Government property under control of the Maritime Administration: *Provided*, That payments received therefor shall be

credited to the appropriation charged with the cost thereof and shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That rental payments under any such lease, contract, or occupancy for items other than such utilities, services, or repairs shall be deposited into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

SEC. 171. In addition to amounts otherwise made available by this or any other Act, there is hereby appropriated \$6,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out section 3546 of Public Law 117-263, Recapitalization of National Defense Reserve Fleet.

PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

For necessary operational expenses of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, \$31,681,000, of which \$4,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2026.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY

For expenses necessary to discharge the hazardous materials safety functions of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, \$80,874,000; of which \$14,070,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2026, of which \$1,000,000 shall be made available for carrying out section 5107(i) of title 49, United States Code: *Provided*, That up to \$800,000 in fees collected under section 5108(g) of title 49, United States Code, shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury as offsetting receipts: *Provided further*, That there may be credited to this appropriation, to be available until expended, funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources for expenses incurred for training, for reports publication and dissemination, and for travel expenses incurred in performance of hazardous materials exemptions and approvals functions.

PIPELINE SAFETY

(PIPELINE SAFETY FUND)

(OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND)

For expenses necessary to carry out a pipeline safety program, as authorized by section 60107 of title 49, United States Code, and to discharge the pipeline program responsibilities of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-380), \$197,441,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, of which \$30,000,000 shall be derived from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund; of which \$160,041,000 shall be derived from the Pipeline Safety Fund; of which \$400,000 shall be derived from the fees collected under section 60303 of title 49, United States Code, and deposited in the Liquefied Natural Gas Siting Account for compliance reviews of liquefied natural gas facilities; and of which \$7,000,000 shall be derived from fees collected under section 60302 of title 49, United States Code, and deposited in the Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility Safety Account for the purpose of carrying out section 60141 of title 49, United States Code: *Provided*, That not less than \$1,058,000 of the amounts made available under this heading shall be for the One-Call State grant program: *Provided further*, That any amounts made available under this heading in this Act or in prior Acts for research contracts, grants, cooperative agreements or research other transactions agreements ("OTAs") shall require written notification to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations not less than 3 full business days before such research contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or research OTAs are announced by the Department of Transportation.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANTS

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUND)

For expenses necessary to carry out the Emergency Preparedness Grants program,

not more than \$28,318,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2026, from amounts made available by section 5116(h) and subsections (b) and (c) of section 5128 of title 49, United States Code: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 5116(h)(4) of title 49, United States Code, not more than 4 percent of the amounts made available from this account shall be available to pay the administrative costs of carrying out sections 5116, 5107(e), and 5108(g)(2) of title 49, United States Code: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c) of section 5128 of title 49, United States Code, and the limitation on obligations provided under this heading, prior year recoveries recognized in the current year shall be available to develop and deliver hazardous materials emergency response training for emergency responders, including response activities for the transportation of crude oil, ethanol, flammable liquids, and other hazardous commodities by rail, consistent with National Fire Protection Association standards, and to make such training available through an electronic format: *Provided further*, That the prior year recoveries made available under this heading shall also be available to carry out sections 5116(a)(1)(C), 5116(h), 5116(i), 5116(j), and 5107(e) of title 49, United States Code.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General to carry out the provisions of section 404 of title 5, United States Code, as amended, \$121,001,000: *Provided*, That the Inspector General shall have all necessary authority, in carrying out the duties specified in the Inspector General Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), to investigate allegations of fraud, including false statements to the government (18 U.S.C. 1001), by any person or entity that is subject to regulation by the Department of Transportation: *Provided further*, That the Inspector General shall have independent authority over all personnel issues within this office.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

SEC. 180. (a) During the current fiscal year, applicable appropriations to the Department of Transportation shall be available for maintenance and operation of aircraft; hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft; purchase of liability insurance for motor vehicles operating in foreign countries on official department business; and uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by sections 5901 and 5902 of title 5, United States Code.

(b) During the current fiscal year, applicable appropriations to the Department and its operating administrations shall be available for the purchase, maintenance, operation, and deployment of unmanned aircraft systems that advance the missions of the Department of Transportation or an operating administration of the Department of Transportation.

(c) Any unmanned aircraft system purchased, procured, or contracted for by the Department prior to the date of enactment of this Act shall be deemed authorized by Congress as if this provision was in effect when the system was purchased, procured, or contracted for.

SEC. 181. Appropriations contained in this Act for the Department of Transportation shall be available for services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for an Executive Level IV.

SEC. 182. (a) No recipient of amounts made available by this Act shall disseminate personal information (as defined in section

2725(3) of title 18, United States Code) obtained by a State department of motor vehicles in connection with a motor vehicle record as defined in section 2725(1) of title 18, United States Code, except as provided in section 2721 of title 18, United States Code, for a use permitted under section 2721 of title 18, United States Code.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretary shall not withhold amounts made available by this Act for any grantee if a State is in noncompliance with this provision.

SEC. 183. None of the funds made available by this Act shall be available for salaries and expenses of more than 125 political and Presidential appointees in the Department of Transportation: *Provided*, That none of the personnel covered by this provision may be assigned on temporary detail outside the Department of Transportation.

SEC. 184. Funds received by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Railroad Administration from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources for expenses incurred for training may be credited respectively to the Federal Highway Administration's "Federal-Aid Highways" account and to the Federal Railroad Administration's "Safety and Operations" account, except for State rail safety inspectors participating in training pursuant to section 20105 of title 49, United States Code.

SEC. 185. None of the funds made available by this Act or in title VIII of division J of Public Law 117–58 to the Department of Transportation may be used to make a loan, loan guarantee, line of credit, letter of intent, federally funded cooperative agreement, full funding grant agreement, or discretionary grant unless the Secretary of Transportation notifies the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations not less than 3 full business days before any project competitively selected to receive any discretionary grant award, letter of intent, loan commitment, loan guarantee commitment, line of credit commitment, federally funded cooperative agreement, or full funding grant agreement is announced by the Department or its operating administrations: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Transportation shall provide the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations with a comprehensive list of all such loans, loan guarantees, lines of credit, letters of intent, federally funded cooperative agreements, full funding grant agreements, and discretionary grants prior to the notification required under the preceding proviso: *Provided further*, That the Secretary gives concurrent notification to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations for any "quick release" of funds from the emergency relief program: *Provided further*, That no notification shall involve funds that are not available for obligation.

SEC. 186. Rebates, refunds, incentive payments, minor fees, and other funds received by the Department of Transportation from travel management centers, charge card programs, the subleasing of building space, and miscellaneous sources are to be credited to appropriations of the Department of Transportation and allocated to organizational units of the Department of Transportation using fair and equitable criteria and such funds shall be available until expended.

SEC. 187. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if any funds provided by or limited by this Act are subject to a reprogramming action that requires notice to be provided to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, transmission of such reprogramming notice shall be provided solely to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, and such reprogramming action shall be approved or denied solely by the

House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Transportation may provide notice to other congressional committees of the action of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on such reprogramming but not sooner than 30 days after the date on which the reprogramming action has been approved or denied by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

SEC. 188. Funds appropriated by this Act to the operating administrations may be obligated for the Office of the Secretary for the costs related to assessments or reimbursable agreements only when such amounts are for the costs of goods and services that are purchased to provide a direct benefit to the applicable operating administration or administrations.

SEC. 189. The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to carry out a program that establishes uniform standards for developing and supporting agency transit pass and transit benefits authorized under section 7905 of title 5, United States Code, including distribution of transit benefits by various paper and electronic media.

SEC. 190. The Department of Transportation may use funds provided by this Act, or any other Act, to assist a contract under title 49 or 23 of the United States Code utilizing geographic, economic, or any other hiring preference not otherwise authorized by law, or to amend a rule, regulation, policy or other measure that forbids a recipient of a Federal Highway Administration or Federal Transit Administration grant from imposing such hiring preference on a contract or construction project with which the Department of Transportation is assisting, only if the grant recipient certifies the following:

(1) that except with respect to apprentices or trainees, a pool of readily available but unemployed individuals possessing the knowledge, skill, and ability to perform the work that the contract requires resides in the jurisdiction;

(2) that the grant recipient will include appropriate provisions in its bid document ensuring that the contractor does not displace any of its existing employees in order to satisfy such hiring preference; and

(3) that any increase in the cost of labor, training, or delays resulting from the use of such hiring preference does not delay or displace any transportation project in the applicable Statewide Transportation Improvement Program or Transportation Improvement Program.

SEC. 191. The Secretary of Transportation shall coordinate with the Secretary of Homeland Security to ensure that best practices for Industrial Control Systems Procurement are up-to-date and shall ensure that systems procured with funds provided under this title were procured using such practices.

SEC. 192. None of the funds made available in this Act or any other Act may be used to require information, criteria, reporting requirements, or submissions with respect to any grant program of the Department of Transportation in accordance with an equity action plan, including the Equity Action Plan of the Department of Transportation published in January 2022.

This title may be cited as the "Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2024".

TITLE II

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

For necessary salaries and expenses for Executive Offices, which shall be comprised of the offices of the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Adjudicatory Services, Congressional

and Intergovernmental Relations, Public Affairs, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, and the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, \$18,699,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$25,000 of the amount made available under this heading shall be available to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (referred to in this title as “the Secretary”) for official reception and representation expenses as the Secretary may determine.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICES

For necessary salaries and expenses for Administrative Support Offices, \$664,287,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) \$90,380,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer;

(2) \$125,833,000 shall be available for the Office of the General Counsel, of which not less than \$20,300,000 shall be for the Departmental Enforcement Center;

(3) \$226,682,000 shall be available for the Office of Administration, of which not less than \$4,680,000 may be for modernization and deferred maintenance of the Weaver Building;

(4) \$51,743,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer;

(5) \$28,137,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer;

(6) \$66,130,000 shall be available for the Office of Field Policy and Management;

(7) \$4,630,000 shall be available for the Office of Departmental Equal Employment Opportunity; and

(8) \$70,752,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Information Officer;

Provided further, That funds made available under this heading may be used for necessary administrative and non-administrative expenses of the Department, not otherwise provided for, including purchase of uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by sections 5901 and 5902 of title 5, United States Code; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated under this heading may be used for advertising and promotional activities that directly support program activities funded in this title.

PROGRAM OFFICES

For necessary salaries and expenses for Program Offices, \$1,062,065,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) \$280,117,000 shall be available for the Office of Public and Indian Housing;

(2) \$164,507,000 shall be available for the Office of Community Planning and Development;

(3) \$468,286,000 shall be available for the Office of Housing, of which not less than \$13,300,000 shall be for the Office of Recapitalization;

(4) \$39,884,000 shall be available for the Office of Policy Development and Research;

(5) \$98,081,000 shall be available for the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity; and

(6) \$11,190,000 shall be available for the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the working capital fund for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (referred to in this paragraph as the “Fund”), pursuant, in part, to section 7(f) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(f)), amounts

transferred, including reimbursements pursuant to section 7(f), to the Fund under this heading shall be available only for Federal shared services used by offices and agencies of the Department, and for any such portion of any office or agency’s information technology end-user devices and wireless support, printing, records management, space renovation, furniture, or supply services the Secretary has determined shall be provided through the Fund, and the operational expenses of the Fund: *Provided*, That amounts within the Fund shall not be available to provide services not specifically authorized under this heading: *Provided further*, That upon a determination by the Secretary that any other service (or portion thereof) authorized under this heading shall be provided through the Fund, amounts made available in this title for salaries and expenses under the headings “Executive Offices”, “Administrative Support Offices”, “Program Offices”, and “Government National Mortgage Association”, for such services shall be transferred to the Fund, to remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall notify the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of its plans for executing such transfers at least 15 days in advance of such transfers.

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

For activities and assistance for the provision of tenant-based rental assistance authorized under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) (in this title “the Act”), not otherwise provided for, \$27,131,600,000 to remain available until expended, which shall be available on October 1, 2023 (in addition to the \$4,000,000,000 previously appropriated under this heading that shall be available on October 1, 2023), and \$4,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, which shall be available on October 1, 2024: *Provided*, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) \$27,374,554,000 shall be available for renewals of expiring section 8 tenant-based annual contributions contracts (including renewals of enhanced vouchers under any provision of law authorizing such assistance under section 8(t) of the Act), including renewal of other special purpose incremental vouchers: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, from amounts provided under this paragraph and any carryover, the Secretary for the calendar year 2024 funding cycle shall provide renewal funding for each public housing agency based on validated voucher management system (VMS) leasing and cost data for the prior calendar year and by applying an inflation factor as established by the Secretary, by notice published in the Federal Register, and by making any necessary adjustments for the costs associated with the first-time renewal of vouchers under this paragraph including tenant protection and Choice Neighborhoods vouchers: *Provided further*, That none of the funds provided under this paragraph may be used to fund a total number of unit months under lease which exceeds a public housing agency’s authorized level of units under contract, except for public housing agencies participating in the Moving to Work (MTW) demonstration, which are instead governed in accordance with the requirements of the MTW demonstration program or their MTW agreements, if any: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall, to the extent necessary to stay within the amount specified under this paragraph (except as otherwise modified under this paragraph), prorate each public housing agency’s allocation otherwise established pursuant to this paragraph: *Provided further*, That except as provided in the following provisos, the en-

tire amount specified under this paragraph (except as otherwise modified under this paragraph) shall be obligated to the public housing agencies based on the allocation and pro rata method described above, and the Secretary shall notify public housing agencies of their annual budget by the latter of 60 days after enactment of this Act or March 1, 2024: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may extend the notification period with the prior written approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: *Provided further*, That public housing agencies participating in the MTW demonstration shall be funded in accordance with the requirements of the MTW demonstration program or their MTW agreements, if any, and shall be subject to the same pro rata adjustments under the preceding provisos: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may offset public housing agencies’ calendar year 2024 allocations based on the excess amounts of public housing agencies’ net restricted assets accounts, including HUD-held programmatic reserves (in accordance with VMS data in calendar year 2023 that is verifiable and complete), as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That public housing agencies participating in the MTW demonstration shall also be subject to the offset, as determined by the Secretary, excluding amounts subject to the single fund budget authority provisions of their MTW agreements, from the agencies’ calendar year 2024 MTW funding allocation: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall use any offset referred to in the preceding two provisos throughout the calendar year to prevent the termination of rental assistance for families as the result of insufficient funding, as determined by the Secretary, and to avoid or reduce the proration of renewal funding allocations: *Provided further*, That up to \$100,000,000 shall be available only—

(A) for adjustments in the allocations for public housing agencies, after application for an adjustment by a public housing agency that experienced a significant increase, as determined by the Secretary, in renewal costs of vouchers resulting from unforeseen circumstances or from portability under section 8(r) of the Act;

(B) for vouchers that were not in use during the previous 12-month period in order to be available to meet a commitment pursuant to section 8(o)(13) of the Act, or an adjustment for a funding obligation not yet expended in the previous calendar year for a MTW-eligible activity to develop affordable housing for an agency added to the MTW demonstration under the expansion authority provided in section 239 of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 (division L of Public Law 114-113);

(C) for adjustments for costs associated with HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers;

(D) for public housing agencies that despite taking reasonable cost savings measures, as determined by the Secretary, would otherwise be required to terminate rental assistance for families as a result of insufficient funding;

(E) for adjustments in the allocations for public housing agencies that—

(i) are leasing a lower-than-average percentage of their authorized vouchers,

(ii) have low amounts of budget authority in their net restricted assets accounts and HUD-held programmatic reserves, relative to other agencies, and

(iii) are not participating in the Moving to Work demonstration, to enable such agencies to lease more vouchers;

(F) for withheld payments in accordance with section 8(o)(8)(A)(ii) of the Act for months in the previous calendar year that were subsequently paid by the public housing

agency after the agency's actual costs were validated; and

(G) for public housing agencies that have experienced increased costs or loss of units in an area for which the President declared a disaster under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 et seq.): *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall allocate amounts under the preceding proviso based on need, as determined by the Secretary;

(2) \$337,000,000 shall be available for section 8 rental assistance for relocation and replacement of housing units that are demolished or disposed of pursuant to section 18 of the Act, conversion of section 23 projects to assistance under section 8, relocation of witnesses (including victims of violent crimes) in connection with efforts to combat crime in public and assisted housing pursuant to a request from a law enforcement or prosecution agency, enhanced vouchers under any provision of law authorizing such assistance under section 8(t) of the Act, Choice Neighborhood vouchers, mandatory and voluntary conversions, and tenant protection assistance including replacement and relocation assistance or for project-based assistance to prevent the displacement of unassisted elderly tenants currently residing in section 202 properties financed between 1959 and 1974 that are refinanced pursuant to Public Law 106-569, as amended, or under the authority as provided under this Act: *Provided*, That when a public housing development is submitted for demolition or disposition under section 18 of the Act, the Secretary may provide section 8 rental assistance when the units pose an imminent health and safety risk to residents: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may provide section 8 rental assistance from amounts made available under this paragraph for units assisted under a project-based subsidy contract funded under the "Project-Based Rental Assistance" heading under this title where the owner has received a Notice of Default and the units pose an imminent health and safety risk to residents: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this paragraph, no less than \$5,000,000 may be available to provide tenant protection assistance, not otherwise provided under this paragraph, to residents residing in low vacancy areas and who may have to pay rents greater than 30 percent of household income, as the result of (A) the maturity of a HUD-insured, HUD-held or section 202 loan that requires the permission of the Secretary prior to loan prepayment; (B) the expiration of a rental assistance contract for which the tenants are not eligible for enhanced voucher or tenant protection assistance under existing law; or (C) the expiration of affordability restrictions accompanying a mortgage or preservation program administered by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That such tenant protection assistance made available under the preceding proviso may be provided under the authority of section 8(t) or section 8(o)(13) of the Act: *Provided further*, That any tenant protection voucher made available from amounts under this paragraph shall not be reissued by any public housing agency, except the replacement vouchers as defined by the Secretary by notice, when the initial family that received any such voucher no longer receives such voucher, and the authority for any public housing agency to issue any such voucher shall cease to exist: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may only provide replacement vouchers for units that were occupied within the previous 24 months that cease to be available as assisted housing, subject only to the availability of funds;

(3) \$2,734,046,000 shall be available for administrative and other expenses of public

housing agencies in administering the section 8 tenant-based rental assistance program, of which up to \$30,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary to allocate to public housing agencies that need additional funds to administer their section 8 programs, including fees associated with section 8 tenant protection rental assistance, the administration of disaster related vouchers, HUD-VASH vouchers, and other special purpose incremental vouchers: *Provided*, That no less than \$2,704,046,000 of the amount provided in this paragraph shall be allocated to public housing agencies for the calendar year 2024 funding cycle based on section 8(q) of the Act (and related appropriation Act provisions) as in effect immediately before the enactment of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-276): *Provided further*, That if the amounts made available under this paragraph are insufficient to pay the amounts determined under the preceding proviso, the Secretary may decrease the amounts allocated to agencies by a uniform percentage applicable to all agencies receiving funding under this paragraph or may, to the extent necessary to provide full payment of amounts determined under the preceding proviso, utilize unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development under this heading from prior fiscal years, excluding special purpose vouchers, notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts were appropriated: *Provided further*, That all public housing agencies participating in the MTW demonstration shall be funded in accordance with the requirements of the MTW demonstration program or their MTW agreements, if any, and shall be subject to the same uniform percentage decrease as under the preceding proviso: *Provided further*, That amounts provided under this paragraph shall be only for activities related to the provision of tenant-based rental assistance authorized under section 8, including related development activities;

(4) \$686,000,000 shall be available for the renewal of tenant-based assistance contracts under section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013), including necessary administrative expenses: *Provided*, That administrative and other expenses of public housing agencies in administering the special purpose vouchers in this paragraph shall be funded under the same terms and be subject to the same pro rata reduction as the percent decrease for administrative and other expenses to public housing agencies under paragraph (3) of this heading: *Provided further*, That up to \$10,000,000 shall be available only—

(A) for adjustments in the allocation for public housing agencies, after applications for an adjustment by a public housing agency that experienced a significant increase, as determined by the Secretary, in Mainstream renewal costs resulting from unforeseen circumstances; and

(B) for public housing agencies that despite taking reasonable cost savings measures, as determined by the Secretary, would otherwise be required to terminate the rental assistance for Mainstream families as a result of insufficient funding:

Provided further, That the Secretary shall allocate amounts under the preceding proviso based on need, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That upon turnover, section 811 special purpose vouchers funded under this heading in this or prior Acts, or under any other heading in prior Acts, shall be provided to non-elderly persons with disabilities;

(5) Of the amounts provided under paragraph (1), up to \$5,000,000 shall be available for rental assistance and associated adminis-

trative fees for Tribal HUD-VASH to serve Native American veterans that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness living on or near a reservation or other Indian areas: *Provided*, That such amount shall be made available for renewal grants to recipients that received assistance under prior Acts under the Tribal HUD-VASH program: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall be authorized to specify criteria for renewal grants, including data on the utilization of assistance reported by grant recipients: *Provided further*, That such assistance shall be administered in accordance with program requirements under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and modeled after the HUD-VASH program: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall be authorized to waive, or specify alternative requirements for any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the use of funds made available under this paragraph (except for requirements related to fair housing, non-discrimination, labor standards, and the environment), upon a finding by the Secretary that any such waivers or alternative requirements are necessary for the effective delivery and administration of such assistance: *Provided further*, That grant recipients shall report to the Secretary on utilization of such rental assistance and other program data, as prescribed by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may reallocate, as determined by the Secretary, amounts returned or recaptured from awards under the Tribal HUD-VASH program under prior Acts to existing recipients under the Tribal HUD-VASH program; and

(6) The Secretary shall separately track all special purpose vouchers funded under this heading.

HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

Unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development under this heading, the heading "Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing" and the heading "Project-Based Rental Assistance", for fiscal year 2024 and prior years may be used for renewal of or amendments to section 8 project-based contracts and for performance-based contract administrators, notwithstanding the purposes for which such funds were appropriated: *Provided*, That any obligated balances of contract authority from fiscal year 1974 and prior fiscal years that have been terminated shall be rescinded: *Provided further*, That amounts heretofore recaptured, or recaptured during the current fiscal year, from section 8 project-based contracts from source years fiscal year 1975 through fiscal year 1987 are hereby rescinded, and an amount of additional new budget authority, equivalent to the amount rescinded is hereby appropriated, to remain available until expended, for the purposes set forth under this heading, in addition to amounts otherwise available.

PUBLIC HOUSING FUND

For 2024 payments to public housing agencies for the operation and management of public housing, as authorized by section 9(e) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(e)) (the "Act"), and to carry out capital and management activities for public housing agencies, as authorized under section 9(d) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437g(d)), \$8,363,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) \$5,103,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary to allocate pursuant to the Operating Fund formula at part 990 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, for 2024 payments;

(2) \$25,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary to allocate pursuant to a need-based application process notwithstanding section 203 of this title and not subject to such Operating Fund formula to public housing agencies that experience, or are at risk of, financial shortfalls, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided*, That after all such shortfall needs are met, the Secretary may distribute any remaining funds to all public housing agencies on a pro-rata basis pursuant to such Operating Fund formula;

(3) \$3,180,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary to allocate pursuant to the Capital Fund formula at section 905.400 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations: *Provided*, That for funds provided under this paragraph, the limitation in section 9(g)(1) of the Act shall be 25 percent: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may waive the limitation in the preceding proviso to allow public housing agencies to fund activities authorized under section 9(e)(1)(C) of the Act: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall notify public housing agencies requesting waivers under the preceding proviso if the request is approved or denied within 14 days of submitting the request: *Provided further*, That from the funds made available under this paragraph, the Secretary shall provide bonus awards in fiscal year 2024 to public housing agencies that are designated high performers: *Provided further*, That the Department shall notify public housing agencies of their formula allocation within 60 days of enactment of this Act;

(4) \$40,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary to make grants, notwithstanding section 203 of this title, to public housing agencies for emergency capital needs, including safety and security measures necessary to address crime and drug-related activity, as well as needs resulting from unforeseen or unpreventable emergencies and natural disasters excluding Presidentially declared emergencies and natural disasters under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) occurring in fiscal year 2024: *Provided*, That of the amount made available under this paragraph, not less than \$20,000,000 shall be for safety and security measures: *Provided further*, That in addition to the amount in the preceding proviso for such safety and security measures, any amounts that remain available, after all applications received on or before September 30, 2025, for emergency capital needs have been processed, shall be allocated to public housing agencies for such safety and security measures; and

(5) \$15,000,000 shall be available to support the costs of administrative and judicial receiverships and for competitive grants to PHAs in receivership, designated troubled or substandard, or otherwise at risk, as determined by the Secretary, for costs associated with public housing asset improvement, in addition to other amounts for that purpose provided under any heading under this title: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, during fiscal year 2024, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may not delegate to any Department official other than the Deputy Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing any authority under paragraph (2) of section 9(j) of the Act regarding the extension of the time periods under such section: *Provided further*, That for purposes of such section 9(j), the term “obligate” means, with respect to amounts, that the amounts are subject to a binding agreement that will result in outlays, immediately or in the future.

OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

For the Department's inspection and assessment programs, including travel, train-

ing, and program support contracts, \$51,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated under the heading “Public Housing Fund” to support ongoing public housing financial and physical assessment activities shall be available for the purposes authorized under this heading in addition to the purposes for which such funds originally were appropriated.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

For activities and assistance related to Self-Sufficiency Programs, to remain available until September 30, 2027, \$175,000,000: *Provided*, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) \$125,000,000 shall be available for the Family Self-Sufficiency program to support family self-sufficiency coordinators under section 23 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437u), to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under sections 8 and 9 of such Act with public and private resources, and enable eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency;

(2) \$35,000,000 shall be available for the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency program to provide for supportive services, service coordinators, and congregate services as authorized by section 34 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437z-6) and the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.): *Provided*, That amounts made available under this paragraph may be used to renew Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency program grants to allow the public housing agency, or a new owner, to continue to serve (or restart service to) residents of a project with assistance converted from public housing to project-based rental assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) or assistance under section 8(o)(13) of such Act under the heading “Rental Assistance Demonstration” in the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public Law 112-55), as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437f note); and

(3) \$15,000,000 shall be available for a Jobs-Plus Initiative, modeled after the Jobs-Plus demonstration: *Provided*, That funding provided under this paragraph shall be available for competitive grants to partnerships between public housing authorities, local workforce investment boards established under section 107 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (29 U.S.C. 3122), and other agencies and organizations that provide support to help public housing residents obtain employment and increase earnings: *Provided further*, That applicants must demonstrate the ability to provide services to residents, partner with workforce investment boards, and leverage service dollars: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may allow public housing agencies to request exemptions from rent and income limitation requirements under sections 3 and 6 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a, 1437d), as necessary to implement the Jobs-Plus program, on such terms and conditions as the Secretary may approve upon a finding by the Secretary that any such waivers or alternative requirements are necessary for the effective implementation of the Jobs-Plus Initiative as a voluntary program for residents: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall publish by notice in the Federal Register any waivers or alternative requirements pursuant to the preceding proviso no later than 10 days before the effective date of such notice.

NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS

For activities and assistance authorized under title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (in this heading “NAHASDA”) (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) with respect to Indian tribes, and related training and technical assistance, \$1,344,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) \$1,110,000,000 shall be available for the Native American Housing Block Grants program, as authorized under title I of NAHASDA: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding NAHASDA, to determine the amount of the allocation under title I of such Act for each Indian tribe, the Secretary shall apply the formula under section 302 of such Act with the need component based on single-race census data and with the need component based on multi-race census data, and the amount of the allocation for each Indian tribe shall be the greater of the two resulting allocation amounts: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall notify grantees of their formula allocation not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act;

(2) \$150,000,000 shall be available for competitive grants under the Native American Housing Block Grants program, as authorized under title I of NAHASDA: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall obligate such amount for competitive grants to eligible recipients authorized under NAHASDA that apply for funds: *Provided further*, That in awarding amounts made available in this paragraph, the Secretary shall consider need and administrative capacity, and shall give priority to projects that will spur construction and rehabilitation of housing: *Provided further*, That any amounts transferred for the necessary costs of administering and overseeing the obligation and expenditure of such additional amounts in prior Acts may also be used for the necessary costs of administering and overseeing such additional amount;

(3) \$2,000,000 shall be available for the cost of guaranteed notes and other obligations, as authorized by title VI of NAHASDA: *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such notes and other obligations, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 661a): *Provided further*, That amounts made available in this and prior Acts for the cost of such guaranteed notes and other obligations that are unobligated, including recaptures and carryover, shall be available to subsidize the total principal amount of any notes and other obligations, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed \$50,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025;

(4) \$75,000,000 shall be available for grants to Indian tribes for carrying out the Indian Community Development Block Grant program under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, notwithstanding section 106(a)(1) of such Act, of which, notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 203 of this Act), not more than \$5,000,000 may be used for emergencies that constitute imminent threats to health and safety: *Provided*, That not to exceed 20 percent of any grant made with amounts made available in this paragraph shall be expended for planning and management development and administration; and

(5) \$7,000,000, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purpose, shall be available for providing training and technical assistance to Indian tribes, Indian housing authorities, and tribally designated housing entities, to support the inspection of Indian housing units, for contract expertise,

and for training and technical assistance related to amounts made available under this heading and other headings in this Act for the needs of Native American families and Indian country: *Provided*, That of the amounts made available in this paragraph, not less than \$2,000,000 shall be for a national organization as authorized under section 703 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4212): *Provided further*, That amounts made available in this paragraph may be used, contracted, or competed as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding chapter 63 of title 31, United States Code (commonly known as the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977), the amounts made available in this paragraph may be used by the Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements with public and private organizations, agencies, institutions, and other technical assistance providers to support the administration of negotiated rulemaking under section 106 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4116), the administration of the allocation formula under section 302 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4152), and the administration of performance tracking and reporting under section 407 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4167).

INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13a), \$1,500,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 661a): *Provided further*, That amounts made available in this and prior Acts for the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13a), that are unobligated, including recaptures and carryover, shall be available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed \$1,800,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT

For the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program, as authorized under title VIII of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4221 et seq.), \$22,300,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 812(b) of such Act, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands may not invest grant amounts made available under this heading in investment securities and other obligations: *Provided further*, That amounts made available under this heading in this and prior fiscal years may be used to provide rental assistance to eligible Native Hawaiian families both on and off the Hawaiian Home Lands, notwithstanding any other provision of law: *Provided further*, That up to \$1,000,000 of the amounts made available under this heading shall be for training and technical assistance related to amounts made available under this heading and other headings in this Act for the needs of Native Hawaiians and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

New commitments to guarantee loans, as authorized by section 184A of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13b), any part of which is to be guaranteed, shall not exceed \$21,000,000 in total loan principal, to remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That the Secretary may enter into commitments to guarantee loans used for refinancing.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

For carrying out the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program, as authorized by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.), \$505,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, except that amounts allocated pursuant to section 854(c)(5) of such Act shall remain available until September 30, 2026: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall renew or replace all expiring contracts for permanent supportive housing that initially were funded under section 854(c)(5) of such Act from funds made available under this heading in fiscal year 2010 and prior fiscal years that meet all program requirements before awarding funds for new contracts under such section: *Provided further*, That the process for submitting amendments and approving replacement contracts shall be established by the Secretary in a notice: *Provided further*, That the Department shall notify grantees of their formula allocation within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

For assistance to States and units of general local government, and other entities, for economic and community development activities, and other purposes, \$5,554,267,912 to remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) \$3,300,000,000 shall be available for carrying out the community development block grant program under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) (in this heading “the Act”): *Provided*, That not to exceed 20 percent of any grant made with funds made available under this paragraph shall be expended for planning and management development and administration: *Provided further*, That a metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives funds under this paragraph may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any portion of such funds to another such entity in exchange for any other funds, credits, or non-Federal considerations, but shall use such funds for activities eligible under title I of the Act: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 105(e)(1) of the Act, no funds made available under this paragraph may be provided to a for-profit entity for an economic development project under section 105(a)(17) unless such project has been evaluated and selected in accordance with guidelines required under subsection (e)(2) of section 105;

(2) \$30,000,000 shall be available for activities authorized under section 8071 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (Public Law 115-271): *Provided*, That funds allocated pursuant to this paragraph shall not adversely affect the amount of any formula assistance received by a State under paragraph (1) of this heading: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall allocate the funds for such activities based on the notice establishing the funding formula published in 84 FR 16027 (April 17, 2019) except that the formula shall use age-adjusted rates of drug overdose deaths for 2021 based on data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

(3) \$2,224,267,912 shall be available for grants for the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) for the purposes authorized under paragraphs (1), (2), (4), and (5) of section 105(a) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)), and in amounts, specified for Community Project Funding in the table entitled “Community Project Funding” included in the Report accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That such

grants for the EDI shall be available for reimbursement of otherwise eligible expenses incurred on or after the date of enactment of this Act and prior to the date of grant execution: *Provided further*, That none of the amounts made available under this paragraph for grants for the EDI shall be used for reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to the date of enactment of this Act:

Provided further, That for amounts made available under paragraphs (1) and (2), the Secretary shall notify grantees of their formula allocation within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN GUARANTEES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Subject to section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 661a), during fiscal year 2024, commitments to guarantee loans under section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5308), any part of which is guaranteed, shall not exceed a total principal amount of \$300,000,000, notwithstanding any aggregate limitation on outstanding obligations guaranteed in subsection (k) of such section 108: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall collect fees from borrowers, notwithstanding subsection (m) of such section 108, to result in a credit subsidy cost of zero for guaranteeing such loans, and any such fees shall be collected in accordance with section 502(7) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That such commitment authority funded by fees may be used to guarantee, or make commitments to guarantee, notes or other obligations issued by any State on behalf of non-entitlement communities in the State in accordance with the requirements of such section 108: *Provided further*, That any State receiving such a guarantee or commitment under the preceding proviso shall distribute all funds subject to such guarantee to the units of general local government in non-entitlement areas that received the commitment.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

For the HOME Investment Partnerships program, as authorized under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.), \$500,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 231(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12771(b)), all unobligated balances remaining from amounts recaptured pursuant to such section that remain available until expended shall be combined with amounts made available under this heading and allocated in accordance with the formula under section 217(b)(1)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12747(b)(1)(A)): *Provided further*, That the Department shall notify grantees of their formula allocations within 60 days after enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That section 218(g) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12748(g)) shall not apply with respect to the right of a jurisdiction to draw funds from its HOME Investment Trust Fund that otherwise expired or would expire in any calendar year from 2018 through 2026 under that section: *Provided further*, That section 231(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12771(b)) shall not apply to any uninvested funds that otherwise were deducted or would be deducted from the line of credit in the participating jurisdiction's HOME Investment Trust Fund in any calendar year from 2018 through 2026 under that section.

PRESERVATION AND REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT

For competitive grants to preserve and revitalize manufactured housing and eligible manufactured housing communities (including pre-1976 mobile homes) under title I of the Housing and Community Development

Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), \$20,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That recipients of grants provided with amounts made available under this heading shall be States, units of general local government, resident-owned manufactured housing communities, co-operatives, nonprofit entities including consortia of nonprofit entities, community development financial institutions, Indian Tribes (as such term is defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 4103)), or other entities approved by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall reserve an amount for Indian Tribes within such competition: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may approve entities for selection that partner with one or several residents of such eligible communities or that propose to implement a grant program that would assist residents of such eligible communities: *Provided further*, That eligible uses of such grants may include infrastructure, planning, resident and community services (including relocation assistance and eviction prevention), resiliency activities, and providing other assistance to residents or owners of manufactured homes, which may include providing assistance for manufactured housing land and site acquisition: *Provided further*, That, except as determined by the Secretary, participation in this program shall not encumber the future transfer of title or use of property by the residents, owners, or communities: *Provided further*, That when selecting recipients, the Secretary shall prioritize applications that primarily benefit low- or moderately low-income residents and preserve long-term housing affordability for residents of manufactured housing or a manufactured housing community: *Provided further*, That eligible manufactured housing communities may include those that are—

(1) owned by the residents of the manufactured housing community through a resident-controlled entity, as defined by the Secretary; or

(2) determined by the Secretary to be subject to binding agreements that will preserve the community and maintain affordability on a long-term basis:

Provided further, That resiliency activities means the reconstruction, repair, or replacement of manufactured housing and manufactured housing communities to protect the health and safety of manufactured housing residents and to address weatherization and energy efficiency needs, except that for pre-1976 mobile homes, funds made available under this heading may be used only for replacement: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the use of amounts made available under this heading (except for requirements related to fair housing, non-discrimination, labor standards, and the environment), upon a finding that such waiver or alternative requirement is necessary to facilitate the use of such amounts.

SELF-HELP AND ASSISTED HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

For the Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program, as authorized under section 11 of the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 12805 note), and for related activities and assistance, \$60,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026: *Provided*, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) \$10,000,000 shall be available for the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program as authorized under such section 11;

(2) \$42,000,000 shall be available for the second, third, and fourth capacity building enti-

ties specified in section 4(a) of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 9816 note), of which not less than \$5,000,000 shall be for rural capacity building activities: *Provided*, That for purposes of awarding grants from amounts made available in this paragraph, the Secretary may enter into multiyear agreements, as appropriate, subject to the availability of annual appropriations;

(3) \$7,000,000 shall be available for capacity building by national rural housing organizations having experience assessing national rural conditions and providing financing, training, technical assistance, information, and research to local nonprofit organizations, local governments, and Indian Tribes serving high need rural communities; and

(4) \$1,000,000 shall be available for a program to rehabilitate and modify the homes of disabled or low-income veterans, as authorized under section 1079 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (38 U.S.C. 2101 note): *Provided*, That the issuance of a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the amounts made available in this paragraph shall be completed not later than 120 days after enactment of this Act and such amounts shall be awarded not later than 180 days after such issuance.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

For assistance under title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360 et seq.), and for related activities and assistance, \$3,729,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026: *Provided*, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) \$290,000,000 shall be available for the Emergency Solutions Grants program authorized under subtitle B of such title IV (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.): *Provided*, That the Department shall notify grantees of their formula allocation from amounts allocated (which may represent initial or final amounts allocated) for the Emergency Solutions Grant program not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act;

(2) \$3,350,000,000 shall be available for the Continuum of Care program authorized under subtitle C of such title IV (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) and the Rural Housing Stability Assistance programs authorized under subtitle D of such title IV (42 U.S.C. 11408): *Provided*, That the Secretary shall prioritize funding under the Continuum of Care program to continuums of care that have demonstrated a capacity to reallocate funding from lower performing projects to higher performing projects: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall provide incentives to create projects that coordinate with housing providers and healthcare organizations to provide permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing services: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may establish by notice an alternative maximum amount for administrative costs related to the requirements described in sections 402(f)(1) and 402(f)(2) of subtitle A of such title IV or no more than 5 percent or \$50,000, whichever is greater, notwithstanding the 3 percent limitation in section 423(a)(10) of such subtitle C: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available for the Continuum of Care program under this paragraph, not less than \$52,000,000 shall be for grants for new rapid re-housing projects and supportive service projects providing coordinated entry, and for eligible activities that the Secretary determines to be critical in order to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking: *Provided further*, That amounts made available for the Continuum of Care program under this paragraph and any remaining unobligated balances under this heading in prior Acts may be used to com-

petitively or non-competitively renew or replace grants for youth homeless demonstration projects under the Continuum of Care program, notwithstanding any conflict with the requirements of the Continuum of Care program;

(3) \$7,000,000 shall be available for the national homeless data analysis project: *Provided*, That notwithstanding the provisions of the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977 (31 U.S.C. 6301–6308), the amounts made available under this paragraph and any remaining unobligated balances under this heading for such purposes in prior Acts may be used by the Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements with such entities as may be determined by the Secretary, including public and private organizations, agencies, and institutions; and

(4) \$82,000,000 shall be available to implement projects to demonstrate how a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth, age 24 and under, in up to 25 communities with a priority for communities with substantial rural populations in up to eight locations, can dramatically reduce youth homelessness: *Provided*, That of the amount made available under this paragraph, not less than \$25,000,000 shall be for youth homelessness system improvement grants to support communities, including but not limited to the communities assisted under the matter preceding this proviso, in establishing and implementing a response system for youth homelessness, or for improving their existing system: *Provided further*, That of the amount made available under this paragraph, up to \$10,000,000 shall be to provide technical assistance to communities, including but not limited to the communities assisted in the preceding proviso and the matter preceding such proviso, on improving system responses to youth homelessness, and collection, analysis, use, and reporting of data and performance measures under the comprehensive approaches to serve homeless youth, in addition to and in coordination with other technical assistance funds provided under this title: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may use up to 10 percent of the amount made available under the preceding proviso to build the capacity of current technical assistance providers or to train new technical assistance providers with verifiable prior experience with systems and programs for youth experiencing homelessness:

Provided further, That youth aged 24 and under seeking assistance under this heading shall not be required to provide third party documentation to establish their eligibility under subsection (a) or (b) of section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302) to receive services: *Provided further*, That unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under or families headed by youth aged 24 and under who are living in unsafe situations may be served by youth-serving providers funded under this heading: *Provided further*, That persons eligible under section 103(a)(5) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act may be served by any project funded under this heading to provide both transitional housing and rapid re-housing: *Provided further*, That for all matching funds requirements applicable to funds made available under this heading for this fiscal year and prior fiscal years, a grantee may use (or could have used) as a source of match funds other funds administered by the Secretary and other Federal agencies unless there is (or was) a specific statutory prohibition on any such use of any such funds: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available under this heading shall be available to provide funding for new projects, except for projects created through reallocation, unless the Secretary determines that

the continuum of care has demonstrated that projects are evaluated and ranked based on the degree to which they improve the continuum of care's system performance: *Provided further*, That any unobligated amounts remaining from funds made available under this heading in fiscal year 2012 and prior years for project-based rental assistance for rehabilitation projects with 10-year grant terms may be used for purposes under this heading, notwithstanding the purposes for which such funds were appropriated: *Provided further*, That unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds transferred to or appropriated under this heading in fiscal year 2019 or prior years, except for rental assistance amounts that were recaptured and made available until expended, shall be available for the current purposes authorized under this heading in addition to the purposes for which such funds originally were appropriated.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

For activities and assistance for the provision of project-based subsidy contracts under the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) ("the Act"), not otherwise provided for, \$15,420,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available on October 1, 2023 (in addition to the \$400,000,000 previously appropriated under this heading that became available October 1, 2023), and \$400,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available on October 1, 2024: *Provided*, That the amounts made available under this heading shall be available for expiring or terminating section 8 project-based subsidy contracts (including section 8 moderate rehabilitation contracts), for amendments to section 8 project-based subsidy contracts (including section 8 moderate rehabilitation contracts), for contracts entered into pursuant to section 441 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11401), for renewal of section 8 contracts for units in projects that are subject to approved plans of action under the Emergency Low Income Housing Preservation Act of 1987 or the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990, and for administrative and other expenses associated with project-based activities and assistance funded under this heading: *Provided further*, That of the total amounts provided under this heading, not to exceed \$448,000,000 shall be available for performance-based contract administrators for section 8 project-based assistance, for carrying out 42 U.S.C. 1437(f): *Provided further*, That the Secretary may also use such amounts in the preceding proviso for performance-based contract administrators for the administration of: interest reduction payments pursuant to section 236(a) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1(a)); rent supplement payments pursuant to section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701s); section 236(f)(2) rental assistance payments (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1(f)(2)); project rental assistance contracts for the elderly under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q); project rental assistance contracts for supportive housing for persons with disabilities under section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013(d)(2)); project assistance contracts pursuant to section 202(h) of the Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86-372; 73 Stat. 667); and loans under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86-372; 73 Stat. 667): *Provided further*, That amounts recaptured under this heading, the heading "Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing", or the heading "Housing Certificate Fund", may be used for renewals of or amendments

to section 8 project-based contracts or for performance-based contract administrators, notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts were appropriated: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon the request of the Secretary, project funds that are held in residual receipts accounts for any project subject to a section 8 project-based housing assistance payments contract that authorizes the Department or a housing finance agency to require that surplus project funds be deposited in an interest-bearing residual receipts account and that are in excess of an amount to be determined by the Secretary, shall be remitted to the Department and deposited in this account, to be available until expended: *Provided further*, That amounts deposited pursuant to the preceding proviso shall be available in addition to the amount otherwise provided by this heading for uses authorized under this heading.

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For capital advances, including amendments to capital advance contracts, for housing for the elderly, as authorized by section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q), for project rental assistance for the elderly under section 202(c)(2) of such Act, including amendments to contracts for such assistance and renewal of expiring contracts for such assistance for up to a 5-year term, for senior preservation rental assistance contracts, including renewals, as authorized by section 811(e) of the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000 (12 U.S.C. 1701q note), and for supportive services associated with the housing, \$913,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That of the amount made available under this heading, up to \$112,000,000 shall be for service coordinators and the continuation of existing congregate service grants for residents of assisted housing projects: *Provided further*, That any funding for existing service coordinators under the preceding proviso shall be provided within 120 days of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may waive the provisions of section 202 governing the terms and conditions of project rental assistance, except that the initial contract term for such assistance shall not exceed 5 years in duration: *Provided further*, That upon request of the Secretary, project funds that are held in residual receipts accounts for any project subject to a section 202 project rental assistance contract, and that upon termination of such contract are in excess of an amount to be determined by the Secretary, shall be remitted to the Department and deposited in this account, to remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That amounts deposited in this account pursuant to the preceding proviso shall be available, in addition to the amounts otherwise provided by this heading, for the purposes authorized under this heading: *Provided further*, That unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds transferred to or appropriated under this heading shall be available for the current purposes authorized under this heading in addition to the purposes for which such funds originally were appropriated: *Provided further*, That of the total amount made available under this heading, up to \$25,000,000 shall be used to expand the supply of intergenerational dwelling units (as such term is defined in section 202 of the Legacy Act of 2003 (12 U.S.C. 1701q note)) for elderly caregivers raising children: *Provided further*, That for the purposes of the preceding proviso the Secretary may waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12

U.S.C. 1701q) in order to facilitate the development of such units, except for requirements related to fair housing, non-discrimination, labor standards, and the environment: *Provided further*, That of the total amount made available under this heading, up to \$6,000,000 shall be used by the Secretary to support preservation transactions of housing for the elderly originally developed with a capital advance and assisted by a project rental assistance contract under the provisions of section 202(c) of the Housing Act of 1959.

HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For capital advances, including amendments to capital advance contracts, for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, as authorized by section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013), for project rental assistance for supportive housing for persons with disabilities under section 811(d)(2) of such Act, for project assistance contracts pursuant to subsection (h) of section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as added by section 205(a) of the Housing and Community Development Amendments of 1978 (Public Law 95-557; 92 Stat. 2090), including amendments to contracts for such assistance and renewal of expiring contracts for such assistance for up to a 5-year term, for project rental assistance to State housing finance agencies and other appropriate entities as authorized under section 811(b)(3) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, and for supportive services associated with the housing for persons with disabilities as authorized by section 811(b)(1) of such Act, \$208,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That, upon the request of the Secretary, project funds that are held in residual receipts accounts for any project subject to a section 811 project rental assistance contract, and that upon termination of such contract are in excess of an amount to be determined by the Secretary, shall be remitted to the Department and deposited in this account, to remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That amounts deposited in this account pursuant to the preceding proviso shall be available in addition to the amounts otherwise provided by this heading for the purposes authorized under this heading: *Provided further*, That unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds transferred to or appropriated under this heading shall be used for the current purposes authorized under this heading in addition to the purposes for which such funds originally were appropriated.

HOUSING COUNSELING ASSISTANCE

For contracts, grants, and other assistance excluding loans, as authorized under section 106 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, \$57,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, including up to \$4,500,000 for administrative contract services: *Provided*, That funds shall be used for providing counseling and advice to tenants and homeowners, both current and prospective, with respect to property maintenance, financial management or literacy, and such other matters as may be appropriate to assist them in improving their housing conditions, meeting their financial needs, and fulfilling the responsibilities of tenancy or homeownership; for program administration; and for housing counselor training: *Provided further*, That for purposes of awarding grants from amounts provided under this heading, the Secretary may enter into multiyear agreements, as appropriate, subject to the availability of annual appropriations.

PAYMENT TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING FEES
TRUST FUND

For necessary expenses as authorized by the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.), up to \$14,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$14,000,000 shall be derived from the Manufactured Housing Fees Trust Fund (established under section 620(e) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5419(e))): *Provided*, That not to exceed the total amount appropriated under this heading shall be available from the general fund of the Treasury to the extent necessary to incur obligations and make expenditures pending the receipt of collections to the Fund pursuant to section 620 of such Act: *Provided further*, That the amount made available under this heading from the general fund shall be reduced as such collections are received during fiscal year 2024 so as to result in a final fiscal year 2024 appropriation from the general fund estimated at zero, and fees pursuant to such section 620 shall be modified as necessary to ensure such a final fiscal year 2024 appropriation: *Provided further*, That for the dispute resolution and installation programs, the Secretary may assess and collect fees from any program participant: *Provided further*, That such collections shall be deposited into the Trust Fund, and the Secretary, as provided herein, may use such collections, as well as fees collected under section 620 of such Act, for necessary expenses of such Act: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding the requirements of section 620 of such Act, the Secretary may carry out responsibilities of the Secretary under such Act through the use of approved service providers that are paid directly by the recipients of their services.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION
MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM
ACCOUNT

New commitments to guarantee single family loans insured under the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund shall not exceed \$400,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That during fiscal year 2024, obligations to make direct loans to carry out the purposes of section 204(g) of the National Housing Act, as amended, shall not exceed \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That the foregoing amount in the preceding proviso shall be for loans to non-profit and governmental entities in connection with sales of single family real properties owned by the Secretary and formerly insured under the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund: *Provided further*, That for administrative contract expenses of the Federal Housing Administration, \$150,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the limitation in the first sentence of section 255(g) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-20(g)), during fiscal year 2024 the Secretary may insure and enter into new commitments to insure mortgages under section 255 of the National Housing Act only to the extent that the net credit subsidy cost for such insurance does not exceed zero.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM ACCOUNT

New commitments to guarantee loans insured under the General and Special Risk Insurance Funds, as authorized by sections 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-3 and 1735c), shall not exceed \$35,000,000,000 in total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, to remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That during fiscal year 2024, gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans, as authorized by sections 204(g), 207(l), 238, and 519(a) of the National Housing Act, shall not exceed \$1,000,000, which shall be for

loans to nonprofit and governmental entities in connection with the sale of single family real properties owned by the Secretary and formerly insured under such Act.

GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE
ASSOCIATION

GUARANTEES OF MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES
LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

New commitments to issue guarantees to carry out the purposes of section 306 of the National Housing Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1721(g)), shall not exceed \$550,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That \$51,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, shall be for necessary salaries and expenses of the Government National Mortgage Association: *Provided further*, That receipts from Commitment and Multiclass fees collected pursuant to title III of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1716 et seq.) shall be credited as offsetting collections to this account.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

For contracts, grants, and necessary expenses of programs of research and studies relating to housing and urban problems, not otherwise provided for, as authorized by title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 et seq.), including carrying out the functions of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under section 1(a)(1)(i) of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1968, and for technical assistance, \$139,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That with respect to amounts made available under this heading, notwithstanding section 203 of this title, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with philanthropic entities, other Federal agencies, State or local governments and their agencies, Indian Tribes, tribally designated housing entities, or colleges or universities for research projects: *Provided further*, That with respect to the preceding proviso, such partners to the cooperative agreements shall contribute at least a 50 percent match toward the cost of the project: *Provided further*, That for non-competitive agreements entered into in accordance with the preceding two provisos, the Secretary shall comply with section 2(b) of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-282; 31 U.S.C. note) in lieu of compliance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 3545(a)(4)(C)) with respect to documentation of award decisions: *Provided further*, That prior to obligation of technical assistance funding, the Secretary shall submit a plan to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on how the Secretary will allocate funding for this activity at least 30 days prior to obligation: *Provided further*, That none of the funds provided under this heading may be available for the doctoral dissertation research grant program.

FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

For contracts, grants, and other assistance, not otherwise provided for, as authorized by title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.), and section 561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3616a), \$85,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 3302 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary may assess and collect fees to cover the costs of the Fair Housing Training Academy, and may use such funds to develop online courses and provide such training: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available under

this heading may be used to lobby the executive or legislative branches of the Federal Government in connection with a specific contract, grant, or loan: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available under this heading, \$1,000,000 may be available to the Secretary for the creation and promotion of translated materials and other programs that support the assistance of persons with limited English proficiency in utilizing the services provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND
HEALTHY HOMES

LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the Lead Hazard Reduction Program, as authorized by section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4852), the Healthy Homes Initiative, pursuant to sections 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 and 1701z-2), and for related activities and assistance, \$345,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026: *Provided*, That the amounts made available under this heading are provided as follows:

(1) \$200,000,000 shall be for the award of grants pursuant to such section 1011, of which not less than \$80,000,000 shall be provided to areas with the highest lead-based paint abatement need.

(2) \$140,000,000 shall be for the Healthy Homes Initiative, pursuant to sections 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970, which shall include research, studies, testing, and demonstration efforts, including education and outreach concerning lead-based paint poisoning and other housing-related diseases and hazards, and mitigating housing-related health and safety hazards in housing of low-income families, of which \$10,000,000 shall be for the establishment and implementation of a national pilot program to facilitate new financing mechanisms to address lead and other residential environmental stressors in low-income communities.

(3) \$3,000,000 shall be for the award of grants and contracts for research pursuant to sections 1051 and 1052 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4854, 4854a).

(4) Up to \$2,000,000 in total of the amounts made available under paragraphs (2) and (3) may be transferred to the heading "Research and Technology" for the purposes of conducting research and studies and for use in accordance with the provisos under that heading for non-competitive agreements.

(5) \$2,000,000 shall be for grants for a radon testing and mitigation safety demonstration program (the radon demonstration) in public housing: *Provided*, That the testing method, mitigation method, or action level used under the radon demonstration shall be as specified by applicable State or local law, if such law is more protective of human health or the environment than the method or level specified by the Secretary:

Provided further, That for purposes of environmental review, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and other provisions of law that further the purposes of such Act, a grant under the Healthy Homes Initiative, or the Lead Technical Studies program, or other demonstrations or programs under this heading or under prior appropriations Acts for such purposes under this heading, or under the heading "Housing for the Elderly" under prior Appropriations Acts, shall be considered to be funds for a special project for purposes of section 305(c) of the Multifamily Housing Property Disposition Reform Act of 1994: *Provided further*, That each applicant for a grant or cooperative agreement under this

heading shall certify adequate capacity that is acceptable to the Secretary to carry out the proposed use of funds pursuant to a notice of funding opportunity: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall conduct a demonstration to harmonize income eligibility criteria for grants under this heading in this and prior Acts with the income eligibility criteria of certain other Federal programs: *Provided further*, That for purposes of such demonstration, the Secretary may establish income eligibility criteria for such grants using income eligibility criteria of any program administered by the Secretary, the Department of Energy weatherization assistance program (42 U.S.C. 6851 et seq.), the Department of Health and Human Services low income home energy assistance program (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.), and the Department of Veterans Affairs supportive services for veteran families program (38 U.S.C. 2044): *Provided further*, That amounts made available under this heading, in this or prior appropriations Acts, still remaining available, may be used for any purpose under this heading notwithstanding the purpose for which such amounts were appropriated if a program competition is undersubscribed and there are other program competitions under this heading that are oversubscribed.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND

For Department-wide and program-specific information technology systems and infrastructure, \$371,250,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026: *Provided*, That not more than 10 percent of the funds made available under this heading for development, modernization, and enhancement may be obligated until 90 days after the Secretary submits a plan and quarterly reports in accordance with the requirements stated in the Report accompanying this Act.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$154,000,000: *Provided*, That the Inspector General shall have independent authority over all personnel issues within this office.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS) (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

SEC. 201. Fifty percent of the amounts of budget authority, or in lieu thereof 50 percent of the cash amounts associated with such budget authority, that are recaptured from projects described in section 1012(a) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) shall be rescinded or in the case of cash, shall be remitted to the Treasury, and such amounts of budget authority or cash recaptured and not rescinded or remitted to the Treasury shall be used by State housing finance agencies or local governments or local housing agencies with projects approved by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for which settlement occurred after January 1, 1992, in accordance with such section. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, the Secretary may award up to 15 percent of the budget authority or cash recaptured and not rescinded or remitted to the Treasury to provide project owners with incentives to refinance their project at a lower interest rate.

SEC. 202. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used during fiscal year 2024 to investigate or prosecute under the Fair Housing Act any otherwise lawful activity engaged in by one or more persons, including the filing or maintaining of a non-frivolous legal action, that is engaged in solely for the purpose of achieving or preventing action by a Government official or entity, or a court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 203. Except as explicitly provided in law, any grant, cooperative agreement or other assistance made pursuant to title II of this Act shall be made on a competitive basis and in accordance with section 102 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 3545).

SEC. 204. Funds of the Department of Housing and Urban Development subject to the Government Corporation Control Act or section 402 of the Housing Act of 1950 shall be available, without regard to the limitations on administrative expenses, for legal services on a contract or fee basis, and for utilizing and making payment for services and facilities of the Federal National Mortgage Association, Government National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Financing Bank, Federal Reserve banks or any member thereof, Federal Home Loan banks, and any insured bank within the meaning of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1811–1).

SEC. 205. Unless otherwise provided for in this Act or through a reprogramming of funds, no part of any appropriation for the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be available for any program, project or activity in excess of amounts set forth in the budget estimates submitted to Congress.

SEC. 206. Corporations and agencies of the Department of Housing and Urban Development which are subject to the Government Corporation Control Act are hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to each such corporation or agency and in accordance with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of such Act as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the budget for 2024 for such corporation or agency except as hereinafter provided: *Provided*, That collections of these corporations and agencies may be used for new loan or mortgage purchase commitments only to the extent expressly provided for in this Act (unless such loans are in support of other forms of assistance provided for in this or prior appropriations Acts), except that this proviso shall not apply to the mortgage insurance or guaranty operations of these corporations, or where loans or mortgage purchases are necessary to protect the financial interest of the United States Government.

SEC. 207. The Secretary shall provide quarterly reports to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations regarding all uncommitted, unobligated, recaptured and excess funds in each program and activity within the jurisdiction of the Department and shall submit additional, updated budget information to these Committees upon request.

SEC. 208. None of the funds made available by this title may be used for an audit of the Government National Mortgage Association that makes applicable requirements under the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.).

SEC. 209. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, subject to the conditions listed under this section, for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may authorize the transfer of some or all project-based assistance, debt held or insured by the Secretary and statutorily required low-income and very low-income use restrictions if any, associated with one or more multifamily housing project or projects to another multifamily housing project or projects.

(b) PHASED TRANSFERS.—Transfers of project-based assistance under this section may be done in phases to accommodate the

financing and other requirements related to rehabilitating or constructing the project or projects to which the assistance is transferred, to ensure that such project or projects meet the standards under subsection (c).

(c) The transfer authorized in subsection (a) is subject to the following conditions:

(1) NUMBER AND BEDROOM SIZE OF UNITS.—

(A) For occupied units in the transferring project: The number of low-income and very low-income units and the configuration (i.e., bedroom size) provided by the transferring project shall be no less than when transferred to the receiving project or projects and the net dollar amount of Federal assistance provided to the transferring project shall remain the same in the receiving project or projects.

(B) For unoccupied units in the transferring project: The Secretary may authorize a reduction in the number of dwelling units in the receiving project or projects to allow for a reconfiguration of bedroom sizes to meet current market demands, as determined by the Secretary and provided there is no increase in the project-based assistance budget authority.

(2) The transferring project shall, as determined by the Secretary, be either physically obsolete or economically nonviable, or be reasonably expected to become economically nonviable when complying with State or Federal requirements for community integration and reduced concentration of individuals with disabilities.

(3) The receiving project or projects shall meet or exceed applicable physical standards established by the Secretary.

(4) The owner or mortgagor of the transferring project shall notify and consult with the tenants residing in the transferring project and provide a certification of approval by all appropriate local governmental officials.

(5) The tenants of the transferring project who remain eligible for assistance to be provided by the receiving project or projects shall not be required to vacate their units in the transferring project or projects until new units in the receiving project are available for occupancy.

(6) The Secretary determines that this transfer is in the best interest of the tenants.

(7) If either the transferring project or the receiving project or projects meets the condition specified in subsection (d)(2)(A), any lien on the receiving project resulting from additional financing obtained by the owner shall be subordinate to any FHA-insured mortgage lien transferred to, or placed on, such project by the Secretary, except that the Secretary may waive this requirement upon determination that such a waiver is necessary to facilitate the financing of acquisition, construction, and/or rehabilitation of the receiving project or projects.

(8) If the transferring project meets the requirements of subsection (d)(2), the owner or mortgagor of the receiving project or projects shall execute and record either a continuation of the existing use agreement or a new use agreement for the project where, in either case, any use restrictions in such agreement are of no lesser duration than the existing use restrictions.

(9) The transfer does not increase the cost (as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 661a)) of any FHA-insured mortgage, except to the extent that appropriations are provided in advance for the amount of any such increased cost.

(d) For purposes of this section—

(1) the terms “low-income” and “very low-income” shall have the meanings provided by the statute and/or regulations governing the program under which the project is insured or assisted;

(2) the term “multifamily housing project” means housing that meets one of the following conditions—

(A) housing that is subject to a mortgage insured under the National Housing Act;

(B) housing that has project-based assistance attached to the structure including projects undergoing mark to market debt restructuring under the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Housing Act;

(C) housing that is assisted under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q);

(D) housing that is assisted under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q), as such section existed before the enactment of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act;

(E) housing that is assisted under section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013); or

(F) housing or vacant land that is subject to a use agreement;

(3) the term “project-based assistance” means—

(A) assistance provided under section 8(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(b));

(B) assistance for housing constructed or substantially rehabilitated pursuant to assistance provided under section 8(b)(2) of such Act (as such section existed immediately before October 1, 1983);

(C) rent supplement payments under section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701s);

(D) interest reduction payments under section 236 and/or additional assistance payments under section 236(f)(2) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z–1);

(E) assistance payments made under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q(c)(2)); and

(F) assistance payments made under section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013(d)(2));

(4) the term “receiving project or projects” means the multifamily housing project or projects to which some or all of the project-based assistance, debt, and statutorily required low-income and very low-income use restrictions are to be transferred;

(5) the term “transferring project” means the multifamily housing project which is transferring some or all of the project-based assistance, debt, and the statutorily required low-income and very low-income use restrictions to the receiving project or projects; and

(6) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(e) RESEARCH REPORT.—The Secretary shall conduct an evaluation of the transfer authority under this section, including the effect of such transfers on the operational efficiency, contract rents, physical and financial conditions, and long-term preservation of the affected properties.

SEC. 210. (a) No assistance shall be provided under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) to any individual who—

(1) is enrolled as a student at an institution of higher education (as defined under section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002));

(2) is under 24 years of age;

(3) is not a veteran;

(4) is unmarried;

(5) does not have a dependent child;

(6) is not a person with disabilities, as such term is defined in section 3(b)(3)(E) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(3)(E)) and was not receiving assistance under such section 8 as of November 30, 2005;

(7) is not a youth who left foster care at age 14 or older and is at risk of becoming homeless; and

(8) is not otherwise individually eligible, or has parents who, individually or jointly, are not eligible, to receive assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f).

(b) For purposes of determining the eligibility of a person to receive assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), any financial assistance (in excess of amounts received for tuition and any other required fees and charges) that an individual receives under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), from private sources, or from an institution of higher education (as defined under section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), shall be considered income to that individual, except for a person over the age of 23 with dependent children.

SEC. 211. The funds made available for Native Alaskans under paragraph (1) under the heading “Native American Programs” in title II of this Act shall be allocated to the same Native Alaskan housing block grant recipients that received funds in fiscal year 2005, and only such recipients shall be eligible to apply for funds made available under paragraph (2) of such heading.

SEC. 212. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in fiscal year 2024, in managing and disposing of any multifamily property that is owned or has a mortgage held by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and during the process of foreclosure on any property with a contract for rental assistance payments under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) or any other Federal programs, the Secretary shall maintain any rental assistance payments under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and other programs that are attached to any dwelling units in the property. To the extent the Secretary determines, in consultation with the tenants and the local government that such a multifamily property owned or having a mortgage held by the Secretary is not feasible for continued rental assistance payments under such section 8 or other programs, based on consideration of (1) the costs of rehabilitating and operating the property and all available Federal, State, and local resources, including rent adjustments under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (in this section “MAHRAA”) (42 U.S.C. 1437f note), and (2) environmental conditions that cannot be remedied in a cost-effective fashion, the Secretary may, in consultation with the tenants of that property, contract for project-based rental assistance payments with an owner or owners of other existing housing properties, or provide other rental assistance. The Secretary shall also take appropriate steps to ensure that project-based contracts remain in effect prior to foreclosure, subject to the exercise of contractual abatement remedies to assist relocation of tenants for imminent major threats to health and safety after written notice to and informed consent of the affected tenants and use of other available remedies, such as partial abatements or receivership. After disposition of any multifamily property described in this section, the contract and allowable rent levels on such properties shall be subject to the requirements under section 524 of MAHRAA.

SEC. 213. Public housing agencies that own and operate 400 or fewer public housing units may elect to be exempt from any asset management requirement imposed by the Secretary in connection with the operating fund rule: *Provided*, That an agency seeking a discontinuance of a reduction of subsidy under

the operating fund formula shall not be exempt from asset management requirements.

SEC. 214. With respect to the use of amounts provided in this Act and in future Acts for the operation, capital improvement, and management of public housing as authorized by sections 9(d) and 9(e) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(d),(e)), the Secretary shall not impose any requirement or guideline relating to asset management that restricts or limits in any way the use of capital funds for central office costs pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of section 9(g) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(g)(1), (2)): *Provided*, That a public housing agency may not use capital funds authorized under section 9(d) for activities that are eligible under section 9(e) for assistance with amounts from the operating fund in excess of the amounts permitted under paragraph (1) or (2) of section 9(g).

SEC. 215. No official or employee of the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be designated as an allotment holder unless the Office of the Chief Financial Officer has determined that such allotment holder has implemented an adequate system of funds control and has received training in funds control procedures and directives. The Chief Financial Officer shall ensure that there is a trained allotment holder for each HUD appropriation under the accounts “Executive Offices”, “Administrative Support Offices”, “Program Offices”, “Government National Mortgage Association—Guarantees of Mortgage-Backed Securities Loan Guarantee Program Account”, and “Office of Inspector General” within the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SEC. 216. The Secretary shall, for fiscal year 2024, notify the public through the Federal Register and other means, as determined appropriate, of the issuance of a notice of the availability of assistance or notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for any program or discretionary fund administered by the Secretary that is to be competitively awarded. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2024, the Secretary may make the NOFO available only on the Internet at the appropriate Government website or through other electronic media, as determined by the Secretary.

SEC. 217. Payment of attorney fees in program-related litigation shall be paid from the individual program office and Office of General Counsel salaries and expenses appropriations.

SEC. 218. The Secretary is authorized to transfer up to 10 percent or \$5,000,000, whichever is less, of funds appropriated for any office under the headings “Administrative Support Offices”, or “Program Offices”, to any other such office under such headings: *Provided*, That no appropriation for any such office under such headings shall be increased or decreased by more than 10 percent or \$5,000,000, whichever is less, without prior written approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall provide notification to such Committees 3 business days in advance of any such transfers under this section up to 10 percent or \$5,000,000, whichever is less.

SEC. 219. (a) Any entity receiving housing assistance payments shall maintain decent, safe, and sanitary conditions, as determined by the Secretary, and comply with any standards under applicable State or local laws, rules, ordinances, or regulations relating to the physical condition of any property covered under a housing assistance payment contract.

(b) The Secretary shall take action under subsection (c) when a multifamily housing project with a contract under section 8 of the

United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) or a contract for similar project-based assistance—

(1) receives a failing score under the Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS) or a successor standard; or

(2) fails to certify in writing to the Secretary within 3 days that all Exigent Health and Safety deficiencies or those deficiencies requiring correction within 24 hours identified by the inspector at the project have been corrected.

Such requirements shall apply to insured and noninsured projects with assistance attached to the units under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), but shall not apply to such units assisted under section 8(o)(13) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)) or to public housing units assisted with capital or operating funds under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g).

(c)(1) Within 15 days of the issuance of the Real Estate Assessment Center ("REAC") inspection, the Secretary shall provide the owner with a Notice of Default with a specified timetable, determined by the Secretary, for correcting all deficiencies. The Secretary shall provide a copy of the Notice of Default to the tenants, the local government, any mortgagees, and any contract administrator. If the owner's appeal results in a passing score, the Secretary may withdraw the Notice of Default.

(2) At the end of the time period for correcting all deficiencies specified in the Notice of Default, if the owner fails to fully correct such deficiencies, the Secretary may—

(A) require immediate replacement of project management with a management agent approved by the Secretary;

(B) impose civil money penalties, which shall be used solely for the purpose of supporting safe and sanitary conditions at applicable properties, as designated by the Secretary, with priority given to the tenants of the property affected by the penalty;

(C) abate the section 8 contract, including partial abatement, as determined by the Secretary, until all deficiencies have been corrected;

(D) pursue transfer of the project to an owner, approved by the Secretary under established procedures, who will be obligated to promptly make all required repairs and to accept renewal of the assistance contract if such renewal is offered;

(E) transfer the existing section 8 contract to another project or projects and owner or owners;

(F) pursue exclusionary sanctions, including suspensions or debarments from Federal programs;

(G) seek judicial appointment of a receiver to manage the property and cure all project deficiencies or seek a judicial order of specific performance requiring the owner to cure all project deficiencies;

(H) work with the owner, lender, or other related party to stabilize the property in an attempt to preserve the property through compliance, transfer of ownership, or an infusion of capital provided by a third-party that requires time to effectuate; or

(I) take any other regulatory or contractual remedies available as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Secretary.

(d) The Secretary shall take appropriate steps to ensure that project-based contracts remain in effect, subject to the exercise of contractual abatement remedies to assist relocation of tenants for major threats to health and safety after written notice to the affected tenants. To the extent the Secretary determines, in consultation with the tenants and the local government, that the property is not feasible for continued rental assistance payments under such section 8 or other programs, based on consideration of—

(1) the costs of rehabilitating and operating the property and all available Federal, State, and local resources, including rent adjustments under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 ("MAHRAA"); and

(2) environmental conditions that cannot be remedied in a cost-effective fashion, the Secretary may contract for project-based rental assistance payments with an owner or owners of other existing housing properties, or provide other rental assistance.

(e) The Secretary shall report semi-annually on all properties covered by this section that are assessed through the Real Estate Assessment Center and have failing physical inspection scores or have received an unsatisfactory management and occupancy review within the past 36 months. The report shall include—

(1) identification of the enforcement actions being taken to address such conditions, including imposition of civil money penalties and termination of subsidies, and identification of properties that have such conditions multiple times;

(2) identification of actions that the Department of Housing and Urban Development is taking to protect tenants of such identified properties; and

(3) any administrative or legislative recommendations to further improve the living conditions at properties covered under a housing assistance payment contract.

The first report shall be submitted to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations not later than 30 days after the enactment of this Act, and the second report shall be submitted within 180 days of the transmittal of the first report.

SEC. 220. None of the funds made available by this Act, or any other Act, for purposes authorized under section 8 (only with respect to the tenant-based rental assistance program) and section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.), may be used by any public housing agency for any amount of salary, including bonuses, for the chief executive officer of which, or any other official or employee of which, that exceeds the annual rate of basic pay payable for a position at level IV of the Executive Schedule at any time during any public housing agency fiscal year 2024.

SEC. 221. None of the funds made available by this Act and provided to the Department of Housing and Urban Development may be used to make a grant award unless the Secretary notifies the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations not less than 3 full business days before any project, State, locality, housing authority, Tribe, nonprofit organization, or other entity selected to receive a grant award is announced by the Department or its offices: *Provided*, That such notification shall list each grant award by State and congressional district.

SEC. 222. None of the funds made available in this Act shall be used by the Federal Housing Administration, the Government National Mortgage Association, or the Department of Housing and Urban Development to insure, securitize, or establish a Federal guarantee of any mortgage or mortgage backed security that refinances or otherwise replaces a mortgage that has been subject to eminent domain condemnation or seizure, by a State, municipality, or any other political subdivision of a State.

SEC. 223. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to terminate the status of a unit of general local government as a metropolitan city (as defined in section 102 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302)) with respect to grants under section 106 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5306).

SEC. 224. Amounts made available by this Act that are appropriated, allocated, ad-

vanced on a reimbursable basis, or transferred to the Office of Policy Development and Research of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and functions thereof, for research, evaluation, or statistical purposes, and that are unexpended at the time of completion of a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement, may be deobligated and shall immediately become available and may be reobligated in that fiscal year or the subsequent fiscal year for the research, evaluation, or statistical purposes for which the amounts are made available to that Office subject to reprogramming requirements in section 405 of this Act.

SEC. 225. None of the funds provided in this Act or any other Act may be used for awards, including performance, special act, or spot, for any employee of the Department of Housing and Urban Development subject to administrative discipline (including suspension from work), in this fiscal year, but this prohibition shall not be effective prior to the effective date of any such administrative discipline or after any final decision overturning such discipline.

SEC. 226. With respect to grant amounts awarded under the heading "Homeless Assistance Grants" for fiscal years 2015 through 2024 for the Continuum of Care (CoC) program as authorized under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, costs paid by program income of grant recipients may count toward meeting the recipient's matching requirements, provided the costs are eligible CoC costs that supplement the recipient's CoC program.

SEC. 227. (a) From amounts made available under this title under the heading "Homeless Assistance Grants", the Secretary may award 1-year transition grants to recipients of funds for activities under subtitle C of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) to transition from one Continuum of Care program component to another.

(b) In order to be eligible to receive a transition grant, the funding recipient must have the consent of the continuum of care and meet standards determined by the Secretary.

SEC. 228. The Promise Zone designations and Promise Zone Designation Agreements entered into pursuant to such designations, made by the Secretary in prior fiscal years, shall remain in effect in accordance with the terms and conditions of such agreements.

SEC. 229. Any public housing agency designated as a Moving to Work agency pursuant to section 239 of division L of Public Law 114-113 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note; 129 Stat. 2897) may, upon such designation, use funds (except for special purpose funding, including special purpose vouchers) previously allocated to any such public housing agency under section 8 or 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, including any reserve funds held by the public housing agency or funds held by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, pursuant to the authority for use of section 8 or 9 funding provided under such section and section 204 of title II of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law 104-134; 110 Stat. 1321-28), notwithstanding the purposes for which such funds were appropriated.

SEC. 230. None of the amounts made available by this Act may be used to prohibit any public housing agency under receivership or the direction of a Federal monitor from applying for, receiving, or using funds made available under the heading "Public Housing Fund" for competitive grants to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards in this Act or that remain available and not awarded from prior Acts, or be used to prohibit a public housing agency from using such funds

to carry out any required work pursuant to a settlement agreement, consent decree, voluntary agreement, or similar document for a violation of the Lead Safe Housing or Lead Disclosure Rules.

SEC. 231. None of the funds made available by this title may be used to issue rules or guidance in contravention of section 1210 of Public Law 115-254 (132 Stat. 3442) or section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155).

SEC. 232. The language under the heading “RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION” in the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public Law 112-55), as most recently amended by Public Law 117-103, is further amended—

(1) in the matter before the first proviso, by striking “and ‘Public Housing Operating Fund’” and inserting “, ‘Public Housing Operating Fund’ and ‘Public Housing Fund’”;

(2) in the second proviso, by striking “until September 30, 2024” and inserting “for fiscal year 2012 and thereafter”;

(3) by striking the fourth proviso and inserting the following new provisos: “*Provided further*, That at properties with assistance under section 9 of the Act requesting to partially convert such assistance, and where an event under section 18 of the Act occurs that results in the eligibility for tenant protection vouchers under section 8(o) of the Act, the Secretary may convert the tenant protection voucher assistance to assistance under a project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act, which shall be eligible for renewal under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997, or assistance under section 8(o)(13) of the Act, but only if the property meets any additional requirements established by the Secretary to facilitate conversion: *Provided further*, That to facilitate the conversion of assistance under the preceding proviso, the Secretary may transfer an amount equal to the total amount that would have been allocated for tenant protection voucher assistance for properties that have requested such conversions from amounts made available for tenant protection voucher assistance under the heading ‘Tenant-Based Rental Assistance’ to the heading ‘Project-Based Rental Assistance’: *Provided further*, That at properties with assistance previously converted hereunder to assistance under the heading ‘Project-Based Rental Assistance,’ which are also separately assisted under section 8(o)(13) of the Act, the Secretary may, with the consent of the public housing agency and owner, terminate such project-based subsidy contracts and immediately enter into one new project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act, which shall be eligible for renewal under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997, subject to the requirement that any residents assisted under section 8(o)(13) of the Act at the time of such termination of such project-based subsidy contract shall retain all rights accrued under section 8(o)(13)(E) of the Act under the new project-based subsidy contract and section 8(o)(13)(F)(iv) of the Act shall not apply: *Provided further*, That to carry out the previous proviso, the Secretary may transfer from the heading ‘Tenant-Based Rental Assistance’ to the heading ‘Project-Based Rental Assistance’ an amount equal to the amounts associated with such terminating contract under section 8(o)(13) of the Act”;

(4) in the thirteenth proviso, as so reordered by the preceding provisions of this section—

(A) by inserting “‘Public Housing Fund’, ‘Self-Sufficiency Programs’, ‘Family Self-

Sufficiency’, ‘Housing for the Elderly’,” after “‘Public Housing Operating Fund’,” and

(B) by inserting “or the ongoing availability of services for residents” after “effective conversion of assistance under the demonstration”;

(5) after the twenty-third proviso, as so reordered by the preceding provisions of this section, by inserting the following proviso: “*Provided further*, That owners of properties with a senior preservation rental assistance contract under section 811 of the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000 (12 U.S.C. 1701q note), shall be eligible, subject to requirements established by the Secretary as necessary to facilitate the conversion of assistance while maintaining the affordability period and the designation of the property as serving elderly families, and tenant consultation procedures, for conversion of assistance available for such assistance contracts to assistance under a long-term project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act”;

(6) in the twenty-eighth proviso, as so reordered by the preceding provisions of this section, by inserting “, section 811 of the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000,” after “Housing Act of 1959”; and

(7) in the thirty-third proviso, as so reordered by the preceding provisions of this section, by striking “any section 202 project rental assistance contract or section 811 project rental assistance contract conversions” and inserting “the conversion of assistance from section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959, section 811 of the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000, or section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act”.

SEC. 233. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the proposed rule entitled “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing” published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Federal Register on February 9, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 8516), or to direct a grantee to undertake specific changes to existing zoning laws as a part of carrying out the interim final rule entitled “Restoring Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Definitions and Certifications” published by such Department in the Federal Register on June 10, 2021 (86 Fed. Reg. 30779).

SEC. 234. For fiscal year 2024, if the Secretary determines or has determined, for any prior formula grant allocation administered by the Secretary through the Offices of Public and Indian Housing, Community Planning and Development, or Housing, that a recipient received an allocation greater than the amount such recipient should have received for a formula allocation cycle pursuant to applicable statutes and regulations, the Secretary may adjust for any such funding error in the next applicable formula allocation cycle by (a) offsetting each such recipient’s formula allocation (if eligible for a formula allocation in the next applicable formula allocation cycle) by the amount of any such funding error, and (b) reallocating any available balances that are attributable to the offset to the recipient or recipients that would have been allocated additional funds in the formula allocation cycle in which any such error occurred (if such recipient or recipients are eligible for a formula allocation in the next applicable formula allocation cycle) in an amount proportionate to such recipient’s eligibility under the next applicable formula allocation cycle: *Provided*, That all offsets and reallocations from such available balances shall be recorded against funds available for the next applicable formula allocation cycle: *Provided further*, That the

term “next applicable formula allocation cycle” means the first formula allocation cycle for a program that is reasonably available for correction following such a Secretarial determination: *Provided further*, That if, upon request by a recipient and giving consideration to all Federal resources available to the recipient for the same grant purposes, the Secretary determines that the offset in the next applicable formula allocation cycle would critically impair the recipient’s ability to accomplish the purpose of the formula grant, the Secretary may adjust for the funding error across two or more formula allocation cycles.

SEC. 235. The Secretary may transfer from amounts made available for salaries and expenses under all headings in this title (excluding amounts made available under the heading “Office of Inspector General”) to the heading “Information Technology Fund” for information technology needs, including for additional development, modernization, and enhancement, to remain available until September 30, 2026: *Provided*, That the total amount of such transfers shall not exceed \$5,000,000: *Provided further*, That this transfer authority shall not be used to fund information technology projects or activities that have known out-year development, modernization, or enhancement costs in excess of \$500,000: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall provide notification to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no less than three business days in advance of any such transfer.

SEC. 236. The Secretary shall comply with all process requirements, including public notice and comment, when seeking to revise any annual contributions contract.

SEC. 237. There is hereby established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the Department of Housing and Urban Development Nonrecurring Expenses Fund (the Fund): *Provided*, That unobligated balances of expired discretionary funds appropriated in this or any succeeding fiscal year from the General Fund of the Treasury to the Department of Housing and Urban Development by this or any other Act may be transferred (not later than the end of the fifth fiscal year after the last fiscal year for which such funds are available for the purposes for which they were appropriated) into the Fund: *Provided further*, That amounts deposited in the Fund shall be available until expended, in addition to such other funds as may be available for such purposes, for capital needs of the Department, including facilities infrastructure and information technology infrastructure, subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget: *Provided further*, That amounts in the Fund may be obligated only after the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate are notified at least 15 days in advance of the planned use of funds.

SEC. 238. For the fiscal year 2024 allocation of amounts under the Native American Housing Block Grants program, as authorized under title I of Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), the number of qualifying low-income housing dwelling units under section 302(b)(1) of such Act (25 U.S.C. 4152(b)(1)) shall not be reduced due to the placement of a Native American veteran assisted with amounts provided under the Tribal HUD-VASH Program within any such qualifying unit.

SEC. 239. (a) Subsection (a) of section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13a(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) AUTHORITY.—To provide access to sources of private financing to Indian families, Indian housing authorities, and Indian tribes, who otherwise could not acquire

housing financing because of the unique legal status of Indian lands and the unique nature of tribal economies; and to expand homeownership opportunities to Indian families, Indian housing authorities and Indian tribes on fee simple lands, the Secretary may guarantee not to exceed 100 percent of the unpaid principal and interest due on any loan eligible under subsection (b) made to an Indian family, Indian housing authority, or Indian tribe on trust land and fee simple land.”

(b) Paragraph (2) of section 184(b) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13a(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) ELIGIBLE HOUSING.—The loan shall be used to construct, acquire, refinance, or rehabilitate 1- to 4-family dwellings that are standard housing.”

SEC. 240. Section 105 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) SPECIAL ACTIVITIES BY INDIAN TRIBES.—Indian tribes receiving grants under section 106(a)(1) of this Act are authorized to carry out activities described in subsection (a)(15) of this section directly.”

SEC. 241. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used in contravention of existing Federal law regarding non-citizen eligibility and ineligibility for occupancy in federally assisted housing or for participation in and assistance under federal housing programs, including section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 1436a) and title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

SEC. 242. Of the unobligated balances of amounts made available under the heading “Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes” from prior Acts making appropriations for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$564,200,000 are hereby permanently rescinded.

SEC. 243. None of the funds made available to the Department of Housing and Urban Development in this or prior Acts may be used to issue a solicitation or accept bids on any solicitation that is substantially equivalent to the draft solicitation entitled “Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Contract Support Services (HAPSS)” posted to www.Sam.gov on July 27, 2022.

SEC. 244. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to provide Federal funds to a local jurisdiction that refuses to comply with a request from the Department of Homeland Security to provide advance notice of the scheduled release date and time for a particular illegal alien in local custody.

This title may be cited as the “Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2024”.

TITLE III RELATED AGENCIES ACCESS BOARD SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Access Board, as authorized by section 502 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 792), \$9,955,000.

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Federal Maritime Commission as authorized by section 46107 of title 46, United States Code, including services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code; hire of passenger motor vehicles as authorized by section 1343(b) of title 31, United States Code; and uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by sections 5901 and 5902 of title 5, United States Code, \$43,720,000, of which

\$2,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,500 shall be for official reception and representation expenses.

NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to carry out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App. 3), \$30,410,000: *Provided*, That the Inspector General shall have all necessary authority, in carrying out the duties specified in such Act, to investigate allegations of fraud, including false statements to the Government under section 1001 of title 18, United States Code, by any person or entity that is subject to regulation by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation: *Provided further*, That the Inspector General may enter into contracts and other arrangements for audits, studies, analyses, and other services with public agencies and with private persons, subject to the applicable laws and regulations that govern the obtaining of such services within the National Railroad Passenger Corporation: *Provided further*, That the Inspector General may select, appoint, and employ such officers and employees as may be necessary for carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of the Office of Inspector General, subject to the applicable laws and regulations that govern such selections, appointments, and employment within the National Railroad Passenger Corporation: *Provided further*, That concurrent with the President’s budget request for fiscal year 2025, the Inspector General shall submit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a budget request for fiscal year 2025 in similar format and substance to budget requests submitted by executive agencies of the Federal Government.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the National Transportation Safety Board, including hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft; services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for a GS-15; uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by sections 5901 and 5902 of title 5, United States Code, \$145,000,000, of which not to exceed \$2,000 may be used for official reception and representation expenses.

NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION PAYMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

For payment to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation for use in neighborhood reinvestment activities, as authorized by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 8101-8107), \$172,000,000.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Surface Transportation Board, including services authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, \$48,184,000: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, not to exceed \$1,250,000 from fees established by the Surface Transportation Board shall be credited to this appropriation as offsetting collections and used for necessary and authorized expenses under this heading: *Provided further*, That the amounts made available under this heading from the general fund shall be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis as such offsetting collections are received during fiscal year 2024, to result in a final appropriation from the general fund estimated at not more than \$46,934,000.

UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS OPERATING EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, including payment of salaries, authorized travel, hire of passenger motor vehicles, the rental of conference rooms, and the employment of experts and consultants under section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness in carrying out the functions pursuant to title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended, \$4,188,000.

TITLE IV GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

SEC. 401. None of the funds in this Act shall be used for the planning or execution of any program to pay the expenses of, or otherwise compensate, non-Federal parties intervening in regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings funded in this Act.

SEC. 402. None of the funds appropriated in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year, nor may any be transferred to other appropriations, unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 403. The expenditure of any appropriation under this Act for any consulting service through a procurement contract pursuant to section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter of public record and available for public inspection, except where otherwise provided under existing law, or under existing Executive Order issued pursuant to existing law.

SEC. 404. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be obligated or expended for any employee training that—

(1) does not meet identified needs for knowledge, skills, and abilities bearing directly upon the performance of official duties;

(2) contains elements likely to induce high levels of emotional response or psychological stress in some participants;

(3) does not require prior employee notification of the content and methods to be used in the training and written end of course evaluation;

(4) contains any methods or content associated with religious or quasi-religious belief systems or “new age” belief systems as defined in Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Notice N-915.022, dated September 2, 1988; or

(5) is offensive to, or designed to change, participants’ personal values or lifestyle outside the workplace.

(b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit, restrict, or otherwise preclude an agency from conducting training bearing directly upon the performance of official duties.

SEC. 405. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, none of the funds provided in this Act, provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agencies or entities funded in this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure in fiscal year 2024, or provided from any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees and available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure through a reprogramming of funds that—

(1) creates a new program;

(2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;

(3) increases funds or personnel for any program, project, or activity for which funds have been denied or restricted by the Congress;

(4) proposes to use funds directed for a specific activity by either the House or Senate Committees on Appropriations for a different purpose;

(5) augments existing programs, projects, or activities in excess of \$5,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less;

(6) reduces existing programs, projects, or activities by \$5,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less; or

(7) creates, reorganizes, or restructures a branch, division, office, bureau, board, commission, agency, administration, or department different from the budget justifications submitted to the Committees on Appropriations or the table in the Report accompanying this Act, whichever is more detailed, unless prior approval is received from the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations:

Provided, That not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, each agency funded by this Act shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and of the House of Representatives to establish the baseline for application of reprogramming and transfer authorities for the current fiscal year: *Provided further*, That the report shall include—

(A) a table for each appropriation with a separate column to display the prior year enacted level, the President's budget request, adjustments made by Congress, adjustments due to enacted rescissions, if appropriate, and the fiscal year enacted level;

(B) a delineation in the table for each appropriation and its respective prior year enacted level by object class and program, project, and activity as detailed in this Act, the table in the Report accompanying this Act or in the budget appendix for the respective appropriations whichever is more detailed, and shall apply to all items for which a dollar amount is specified and to all programs for which new budget (obligational) authority is provided, as well as to discretionary grants and discretionary grant allocations; and

(C) an identification of items of special congressional interest.

SEC. 406. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, not to exceed 50 percent of unobligated balances remaining available at the end of fiscal year 2024 from appropriations made available for salaries and expenses for fiscal year 2024 in this Act, shall remain available through September 30, 2025, for each such account for the purposes authorized: *Provided*, That a request shall be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations for approval prior to the expenditure of such funds: *Provided further*, That these requests shall be made in compliance with reprogramming guidelines under section 405 of this Act.

SEC. 407. No funds in this Act may be used to support any Federal, State, or local projects that seek to use the power of eminent domain, unless eminent domain is employed only for a public use: *Provided*, That for purposes of this section, public use shall not be construed to include economic development that primarily benefits private entities: *Provided further*, That any use of funds for mass transit, railroad, airport, seaport or highway projects, as well as utility projects which benefit or serve the general public (including energy-related, communication-related, water-related and wastewater-related infrastructure), other structures designated for use by the general public or which have other common-carrier or public-utility functions that serve the general public and are subject to regulation and oversight by the government, and projects for the removal of an immediate threat to public health and safety or brownfields as defined in the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Public Law 107-118) shall be considered a public use for purposes of eminent domain.

SEC. 408. None of the funds made available in this Act may be transferred to any depart-

ment, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government, except pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided in, this Act or any other appropriations Acts.

SEC. 409. No funds appropriated pursuant to this Act may be expended by an entity unless the entity agrees that in expending the assistance the entity will comply with sections 2 through 4 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (41 U.S.C. 8301-8305, popularly known as the "Buy American Act").

SEC. 410. No funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act shall be made available to any person or entity that has been convicted of violating the Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. 8301-8305).

SEC. 411. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for first-class airline accommodations in contravention of sections 301-10.122 and 301-10.123 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

SEC. 412. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to send or otherwise pay for the attendance of more than 50 employees of a single agency or department of the United States Government, who are stationed in the United States, at any single international conference unless the relevant Secretary reports to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations at least 5 days in advance that such attendance is important to the national interest: *Provided*, That for purposes of this section the term "international conference" shall mean a conference occurring outside of the United States attended by representatives of the United States Government and of foreign governments, international organizations, or nongovernmental organizations.

SEC. 413. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act may be used by the Surface Transportation Board to charge or collect any filing fee for rate or practice complaints filed with the Board in an amount in excess of the amount authorized for district court civil suit filing fees under section 1914 of title 28, United States Code.

SEC. 414. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

(b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

SEC. 415. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to deny an Inspector General funded under this Act timely access to any records, documents, or other materials available to the department or agency over which that Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), or to prevent or impede that Inspector General's access to such records, documents, or other materials, under any provision of law, except a provision of law that expressly refers to the Inspector General and expressly limits the Inspector General's right of access.

(b) A department or agency covered by this section shall provide its Inspector General with access to all such records, documents, and other materials in a timely manner.

(c) Each Inspector General shall ensure compliance with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the information provided by the establishment over which that Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

(d) Each Inspector General covered by this section shall report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representa-

tives and the Senate within 5 calendar days any failures to comply with this requirement.

SEC. 416. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to pay award or incentive fees for contractors whose performance has been judged to be below satisfactory, behind schedule, over budget, or has failed to meet the basic requirements of a contract, unless the Agency determines that any such deviations are due to unforeseeable events, government-driven scope changes, or are not significant within the overall scope of the project and/or program unless such awards or incentive fees are consistent with 16.401(e)(2) of the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

SEC. 417. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available to pay the salary for any person filling a position, other than a temporary position, formerly held by an employee who has left to enter the Armed Forces of the United States and has satisfactorily completed his or her period of active military or naval service, and has within 90 days after his or her release from such service or from hospitalization continuing after discharge for a period of not more than 1 year, made application for restoration to his or her former position and has been certified by the Office of Personnel Management as still qualified to perform the duties of his or her former position and has not been restored thereto.

SEC. 418. (a) None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to approve a new foreign air carrier permit under sections 41301 through 41305 of title 49, United States Code, or exemption application under section 40109 of that title of an air carrier already holding an air operators certificate issued by a country that is party to the U.S.-E.U.-Iceland-Norway Air Transport Agreement where such approval would contravene United States law or Article 17 bis of the U.S.-E.U.-Iceland-Norway Air Transport Agreement.

(b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit, restrict or otherwise preclude the Secretary of Transportation from granting a foreign air carrier permit or an exemption to such an air carrier where such authorization is consistent with the U.S.-E.U.-Iceland-Norway Air Transport Agreement and United States law.

SEC. 419. (a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act may be used to operate, procure, or enter into a contracting action related to acquire unmanned aircraft systems, as defined under section 44801 of title 49, United States Code, manufactured by an entity that is—

(1) included on the Consolidated Screening List or Entity List as designated by the Secretary of Commerce;

(2) included in the Chinese Military-Industrial Complex list by the Secretary of the Treasury;

(3) included in the 1260H list by the Secretary of Defense;

(4) domiciled in the People's Republic of China;

(5) subject to influence or control by the government of the People's Republic of China; or

(6) a subsidiary or affiliate of an entity described in paragraphs (1) through (5).

(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to an operation, procurement, or contracting action that—

(1) is for purposes of counter-UAS testing, analysis, training, or aviation safety testing and research; and

(2) notification is provided in writing not later than 15 days after making an expenditure to such an operation, procurement, or contracting action to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives

and the Senate in a manner that identifies the unmanned aircraft system and intended use of such system, provided that such notification may include a classified annex, as necessary.

SEC. 420. Of the unobligated balances available in Public Law 117-169, \$25,035,000,000 available under section 10301(1)(A)(ii) as of the date of the enactment of this Act are permanently rescinded.

SEC. 421. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to provide any education, training, or professional development that utilizes, promotes, or teaches Critical Race Theory, any concept associated with Critical Race Theory, or that teaches or trains any idea or concept that condones an individual being discriminated against or receiving adverse or beneficial treatment based on race or sex, that condones an individual feeling discomfort, guilt, anguish, or any other form of psychological distress on account of that individual's race or sex, as well as any idea or concept that regards one race as inherently superior to another race, the United States or its institutions as being systemically racist or sexist, an individual as being inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive by virtue of that individual's race or sex, an individual's moral character as being necessarily determined by race or sex, an individual as bearing responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex, or meritocracy being racist, sexist, or having been created by a particular race to oppress another race.

SEC. 422. The Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall provide the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations quarterly written notification regarding the status of pending congressional reports.

SEC. 423. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish, administer, or enforce any requirement to elevate any structure that is newly constructed, substantially repaired, or substantially improved and is located within the areas impacted or distressed as a result of a major disaster declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) and within a special flood hazard area for purposes of the National Flood Insurance Program, to an elevation higher than the elevation required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency under the National Flood Insurance Program.

SEC. 424. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in contravention of section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155).

SEC. 425. With respect to a person who has received Federal assistance for a major disaster or emergency under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) related to Major Disaster Declarations for Disaster Number 4263 from March of 2016 or Disaster Number 4277 from August of 2016, none of the funds under this or a prior Act shall be used to enforce an income threshold to limit the eligibility of such recipient from qualifying for a waiver of the general prohibition of the duplication of benefits under section 312(b)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5155(b)(4)) for assistance made available under section 145(a) of division C of Public Law 114-223, section 192(b) of division C of Public Law 114-223, or section 421 of division K of Public Law 115-31.

SEC. 426. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to facilitate new scheduled air transportation originating from the United States if such flights would land on, or pass through, property con-

fiscated by the Cuban Government, including property in which a minority interest was confiscated, as the terms confiscated, by the Cuban Government, and property are defined in paragraphs (4), (5), and (12)(A), respectively, of section 4 of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 (22 U.S.C. 6023 (4), (5), and 7 (12)(A)): *Provided*, That for this section, new scheduled air transportation shall include any flights not already regularly scheduled prior to May 2022.

SEC. 427. (a) In the table of projects in the explanatory statement referenced in section 417 of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (division L of Public Law 117-103) the item relating to "Midland Center for the Arts only for structural improvements" is deemed to be amended by striking recipient "City of Midland" and inserting "Midland Center for the Arts."

(b) In the table of projects entitled "Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending" included in the explanatory statement that accompanied the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division L of Public Law 117-328)—

(1) the item relating to "River Road Homes Affordable Housing Infrastructure" is deemed to be amended by striking recipient "Town of Canaan" and inserting "Falls Village Housing Trust Inc."; and

(2) the item relating to "The Star Community Family Life Center" is deemed to be amended by striking recipient "The Star Community Family Life Center" and inserting "Morning Star Baptist Life Center Five Star Program, Inc."

SEC. 428. None of the funds made available in this Act or any other Act may be used for any activities related to the implementation of Priced Zones (Cordon Pricing) under the Value Pricing Pilot Program or New York City's Central Business District Tolling Program.

SEC. 429. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used for any program, project, or activity associated with the collection of tolls on Interstate Route 5 or Interstate Route 205 in the State of Oregon.

SEC. 430. None of the funds made available by this Act may be obligated or expended to fly or display a flag over a facility of a Department or agency funded by this Act other than the flag of the United States; the flag of a State, insular area, or the District of Columbia; the flag of a Federally recognized Tribal entity; the official flag of the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; the official flag of a U.S. Department or agency; or the POW/MIA flag.

SEC. 431. (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law, none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appropriations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or partially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman.

(b) DISCRIMINATORY ACTION DEFINED.—As used in subsection (a), a discriminatory action means any action taken by the Federal Government to—

(1) alter in any way the Federal tax treatment of, or cause any tax, penalty, or payment to be assessed against, or deny, delay, or revoke an exemption from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 of, any person referred to in subsection (a);

(2) disallow a deduction for Federal tax purposes of any charitable contribution made to or by such person;

(3) withhold, reduce the amount or funding for, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, any Federal grant, contract, subcontract, cooperative agreement, guarantee, loan, scholarship, license, certification, accreditation, employment, or other similar position or status from or to such person;

(4) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, any entitlement or benefit under a Federal benefit program, including admission to, equal treatment in, or eligibility for a degree from an educational program, from or to such person; or

(5) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny access or an entitlement to Federal property, facilities, educational institutions, speech fora (including traditional, limited, and non-public fora), or charitable fundraising campaigns from or to such person.

(c) ACCREDITATION; LICENSURE; CERTIFICATION.—The Federal Government shall consider accredited, licensed, or certified for purposes of Federal law any person that would be accredited, licensed, or certified, respectively, for such purposes but for a determination against such person wholly or partially on the basis that the person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction described in subsection (a).

SEC. 432. None of the funds made available by this title may be used in contravention of section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.

SEC. 433. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds made available, limited, or otherwise affected by this Act shall be used to approve or otherwise authorize the imposition of any toll on any segment of highway or bridge located on the Federal-aid system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that—

(1) as of the date of enactment of this Act, is not tolled;

(2) is constructed with Federal assistance provided under title 23, United States Code;

(3) is constructed with Federal assistance provided under section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

(4) is in actual operation as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

(1) NUMBER OF TOLL LANES.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to any segment of highway on the Federal-aid system described in that subsection that, as of the date on which a toll is imposed on the segment, will have the same number of nontoll lanes as were in existence prior to that date.

(2) HIGH-OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES.—A high-occupancy vehicle lane that is converted to a toll lane shall not be subject to this section, and shall not be considered to be a non-toll lane for purposes of determining whether a highway will have fewer non-toll lanes than prior to the date of imposition of the toll, if—

(A) high-occupancy vehicles occupied by the number of passengers specified by the entity operating the toll lane may use the toll lane without paying a toll, unless otherwise specified by the appropriate county, town, municipal or other local government entity, or public toll road or transit authority; or

(B) each high-occupancy vehicle lane that was converted to a toll lane was constructed as a temporary lane to be replaced by a toll lane under a plan approved by the appropriate county, town, municipal or other local government entity, or public toll road or transit authority.

SEC. 434. Spending Reduction Account—The amount by which the applicable allocation of new budget authority made by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives under section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 exceeds the amount of proposed new budget authority is \$0.

This Act may be cited as the “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024”.

The Acting CHAIR. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived.

No amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in part B of House Report 118–261, amendments en bloc described in section 8 of House Resolution 838, and pro forma amendments described in section 9 of House Resolution 838.

Each amendment printed in part B of House Report 118–261 may be offered only in the order printed in the report, by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 9 of House Resolution 838, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part B of House Report 118–261 not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment, except as provided by section 9 of House Resolution 838, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

During consideration of the bill for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. COLE OF OKLAHOMA

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 838, I offer amendments en bloc.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 1 consisting of amendment Nos. 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 26, 27, 28, 33, 35, 38, 39, 41, and 42 printed in part B of House Report 118–261 offered by Mr. COLE of Oklahoma:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. FALLON OF TEXAS

Page 2, line 13, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$1,000,000)”.

Page 3, line 6, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$1,000,000)”.

Page 6, line 13, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$1,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MS. HAGEMAN OF WYOMING

Page 2, line 13, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$5,000,000)”.

Page 3, line 6, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$5,000,000)”.

Page 19, line 24, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$5,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. PFLUGER OF TEXAS

Page 4, line 13, after the first dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$1,000,000)”.

Page 118, line 16, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$1,000,000)”.

Page 119, line 14, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$1,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7 OFFERED BY MR. ESPAILLAT OF NEW YORK

Page 6, line 13, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 8 OFFERED BY MR. SWALWELL OF CALIFORNIA

Page 14, line 21, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$1,745,532,000) (increased by \$1,745,532,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 9 OFFERED BY MRS. RODGERS OF WASHINGTON

Page 19, line 24, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$32,000,000) (decreased by \$32,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 10 OFFERED BY MR. SWALWELL OF CALIFORNIA

Page 21, line 18, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 11 OFFERED BY MR. ALLRED OF TEXAS

Page 30, line 2, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 12 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

Page 53, line 12, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 14 OFFERED BY MR. GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY

Page 53, line 16 after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 15 OFFERED BY MR. MOLINARO OF NEW YORK

Page 54, line 2, after the first dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$100,000,000) (increased by \$100,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 16 OFFERED BY MR. GARBARINO OF NEW YORK

Page 55, line 7, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$1,160,769,000) (reduced by \$1,160,769,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 17 OFFERED BY MR. LAWLER OF NEW YORK

Page 55, line 7, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$1,160,000,000) (decreased by \$1,160,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 18 OFFERED BY MR. LAWLER OF NEW YORK

Page 55, line 23, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$416,000,000) (reduced by \$416,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 19 OFFERED BY MR. MOLINARO OF NEW YORK

Page 55, line 23, after the first dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$100,000,000) (increased by \$100,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 21 OFFERED BY MS. CROCKETT OF TEXAS

Page 59, line 7, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$130,828,124) (increased by \$130,828,124)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 26 OFFERED BY MS. MOORE OF WISCONSIN

Page 80, line 12, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$1,000,000)”.

Page 120, line 4, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$1,000,000)”.

Page 120, line 16, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$1,000,000)”.

Page 121, line 15, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$1,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 27 OFFERED BY MR. MAST OF FLORIDA

Page 80, line 21, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$4,680,000)”.

Page 81, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$4,680,000)”.

Page 81, line 7, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$4,680,000)”.

Page 118, line 16, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$4,680,000)”.

Page 119, line 14, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$4,680,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 28 OFFERED BY MR. MOLINARO OF NEW YORK

Page 80, line 21, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$2,500,000)”.

Page 81, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$2,500,000)”.

Page 82, line 9, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$2,500,000)”.

Page 82, line 19, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$2,500,000)”.

Page 131, line 12, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$5,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 33 OFFERED BY MR. ESPAILLAT OF NEW YORK

Page 98, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 35 OFFERED BY MR. BARR OF KENTUCKY

Page 111, line 9, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$30,000,000)”.

Page 112, line 11, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$30,000,000)”.

Page 142, line 17, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$30,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 38 OFFERED BY MRS. BEATTY OF OHIO

On page 114, line 25, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$1,000,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 39 OFFERED BY MR. MOLINARO OF NEW YORK

Page 120, line 16, after the dollar amount, insert “(increase by \$3,350,000,000) (reduce by \$3,350,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 41 OFFERED BY MR. MOLINARO OF NEW YORK

Page 139, line 11, after the dollar amount, insert “(increase by \$345,000,000) (reduce by \$345,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 42 OFFERED BY MR. ESPAILLAT OF NEW YORK

Page 139, line 25, after “hazards,” insert “such as fire hazards,”.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. QUIGLEY), each will control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of this bipartisan en bloc amendment which represents amendments from both sides of the aisle. The en bloc includes 25 noncontroversial amendments that reiterate our collective support

for the Nation's transportation and housing needs.

Mr. Chairman, I thank my good friend Ranking Member QUIGLEY and all Members who have worked with us on this en bloc, and I ask my colleagues to support the amendment.

Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chair, I rise in support of this en bloc amendment. This includes amendments from both parties and was crafted through consultation between the majority and the minority.

This amendment supports critical infrastructure, safety, and housing programs to emphasize the importance of achieving robust investment.

Mr. Chairman, I support the amendment, I urge its adoption, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chair, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. RODGERS), who is the chairman on the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of my amendment to recognize Washington State University and celebrate the success of their ASCENT program. This program is the primary university-based education and research vehicle for the FAA, and it is laser focused on developing new and exciting technology we need to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

By working with stakeholders and industry leaders, students and faculty at WSU are showing the world what is possible. Their research is revolutionizing the way we think about sustainable aviation fuel, and it is helping secure a cleaner future.

Today, we have the opportunity to ensure the work continues. We can fully fund the ASCENT program and make sure America continues to lead the way to usher in a new era of innovation and win the future.

Mr. Chairman, this program will help America keep its competitive edge, and I strongly urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE).

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Chairman, I thank the ranking member and chairman for their leadership.

Mr. Chairman, my amendment is simple. It is amendment No. 26, and it would increase funds for the continuum of care grants under the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance program by \$1 million to help survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are experiencing homelessness and provide them the resources they need to leave abusive and harmful situations.

These grants provide local organizations, faith-based organizations, and Tribal entities with the funds necessary to help combat our Nation's homelessness crisis. Domestic violence

shelters funded by the continuum of care grants are the first place survivors turn to in order to provide them with the opportunity to escape dangerous and abusive situations and ultimately helps to prevent the loss of life at the hand of abusers.

In my own State we had a record number of domestic violence loss in 2022 at a rate of one death every 3.8 days.

The Acting CHAIR. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from Wisconsin.

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Chairman, I urge my colleagues to support this en bloc amendment.

I would end with a question asked by Jenna Gormal: Will we invest in prevention measures, housing, economic, and racial equity, commonsense firearms regulations, body autonomy, or will we accept the deaths of our family and community members at the hands of domestic violence?

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1½ minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST).

Mr. MAST. Mr. Chair, the amount of teleworking in Washington is astronomical. We all know post-pandemic it is nearly impossible to get an employee of a Federal agency on the phone because they are still working in their homes and not in the office.

Perhaps some of the worst offenders are those at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD. According to a GAO study from July of this year, the occupancy rate of HUD's headquarters, the Robert C. Weaver Federal building, is roughly 9 percent occupancy. The building is just a stone's throw from here where we are sitting right now, and it is sitting basically empty.

Why, then, I ask, are we proposing to spend \$4.68 million to modernize a building that very few are using?

I propose we do something else with that money. At the same time many of our Nation's veterans are living in untenable conditions, and they have lived with physical disabilities as a result of war. I am here today to argue that a better use of that \$4.68 million is to support low-income veterans via the Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program.

This program provides awards through competitive grants to non-profit organizations that provide nationwide or State programs that primarily serve low-income veterans. Once the grant is received, the veterans' homes receive modifications such as wheelchair ramps, widening door thresholds to accommodate mobility needs, shower bars, and things related to that.

It is estimated that with the money that would be transferred there, they would be able to modify hundreds of more homes for these veterans.

Mr. Chairman, I thank the chairman, and I thank the ranking member for

making my amendment as a part of the en bloc package. I urge my colleagues to support the adoption of the en bloc package.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. BEATTY).

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Chairman, I thank Ranking Member QUIGLEY for yielding.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of my en bloc amendment filed with my colleague, Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, which highlights the importance of the HOME Investment Partnership program to meet affordable housing needs in the United States.

For 30 years, Mr. Chair, HOME has proven to be one of the most effective locally driven tools to help States and communities address their most pressing housing challenges; whether that is new affordable housing construction, rehabilitation of existing buildings, homebuyer assistance, and tenant-based rental assistance, including veterans, as we approach Veterans Day, persons with disabilities, seniors, and persons experiencing homelessness.

We cannot slash or cut these funds because we know slashing the funds for the HOME program from \$1.7 million to \$500 million—the lowest allocation since the program was established in 1992—at a time when the Nation, and as we all know in all districts, is facing an affordable housing crisis, with record lows in housing inventory and soaring rents and construction costs, slashing such an essential housing program by nearly 70 percent is unthinkable.

Every American deserves access to safe and affordable housing, and every single one of my colleagues in this Chamber ought to support the HOME program to be fully funded to achieve that purpose.

Mr. Chairman, I urge my colleagues to support my amendment, and I urge them to support the robust funding for the HOME program.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI).

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Chairman, I thank my colleague Representative BEATTY for her leadership.

Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of this amendment to highlight the importance of the HOME Investment Partnership Program in meeting the needs of working families across America.

Hardworking Americans deserve to have a house, and they deserve to have a home. We face drastic shortages of affordable housing in California and in most every other part of America. Housing costs have skyrocketed significantly, outpacing incomes.

This is why the President's budget rightfully included \$1.8 billion for the HOME Investment Partnership Program. This funding will help construction and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing as well as providing

homeownership opportunities for working families. We must support the funding programs like HOME to ensure that every American has a home.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chairman, I support the en bloc amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the gentleman's support. I also, obviously, support the en bloc amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE).

The en bloc amendments were agreed to.

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AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MR. LAWLER

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 3 printed in part B of House Report 118-261.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 4, line 13, after the first dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$10,000,000)".

Page 54, line 2, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$10,000,000)".

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAWLER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Chair, tonight, I rise to advocate for the passage of my amendment to the T-HUD bill, amendment No. 3, which would allocate an additional \$10 million toward the DOT's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements account, otherwise known as CRISI.

The CRISI program is designed to provide financial support for project development and infrastructure upgrades, including station improvements, improving rail system reliability, and grade crossing projects, to ensure efficient and safe rail service.

CRISI also assists with the creation and improvement of grade crossing projects, something of critical importance to my constituents and others across the country.

Nowhere is rail safety more important than in New York's 17th Congressional District, where hundreds of thousands of my constituents live within 5 miles of a train track or train station.

Earlier this year, we saw the impacts of rail safety concerns when a sweeping brush fire was ignited near the train tracks in Rockland County. Thankfully, due to the efforts of our heroic first responders, no one was injured or killed, but the fire came awfully close to doing serious damage and causing potential loss of life, which is why it is so critical to ensure that CRISI is funded appropriately.

Earlier this year, I sent a letter with dozens of my colleagues calling for the full funding of this program, and this amendment helps toward that goal.

Rail safety is not something that should be shortchanged in funding, especially after the disasters we have seen nationwide, including in East Palestine, Ohio.

Mr. Chair, I urge all of my colleagues to support this critical amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Illinois is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I rise in reluctant opposition to this amendment because while I strongly support the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Program, I do not support diverting resources that are also necessary to support the Department's investments in research and workforce development.

The Office of the Secretary's Research and Technology program coordinates and collaborates with public and private partners to invest in research that will make our transportation system more safe, efficient, competitive, accessible, and sustainable.

OST-R has already been cut by almost 15 percent in this bill, and another \$10 million cut in research and these partnerships would be a major step backward.

We simply cannot rob Peter to pay Paul. That said, it is good to see a colleague on the other side of the aisle recognize the importance of the CRISI program and the inadequacy of its current funding level, but let's also be frank with each other. The bill we are talking about here cuts the CRISI program by over \$280 million. It is essentially cut in half. A \$10 million increase in this amendment in the context of \$280 million in cuts isn't undoing so much damage.

The larger issue here is that the majority chose to write the T-HUD bill to an allocation that does not adequately support the needs of the agencies and programs within the bill. My friends across the aisle need to stop wasting time and work with House Democrats to write spending bills in accordance with the bipartisan Fiscal Responsibility Act.

Mr. Chair, I look forward to working with my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to increase funding for the CRISI program once the majority increases the allocation of the T-HUD bill. Again, I support the intent of the increase of the CRISI program, but I do not support the offset.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Chair, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE), the chair of the Rules Committee.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chair, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I rise in support of his amendment.

There is no question that the CRISI program is incredibly popular and improves the safety and efficiency of passenger and freight rail. It is the most in-demand program, and despite having over a billion dollars, we quite often get more requests.

Mr. Chair, this is a very good and thoughtful request, and I am happy to support it.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Chair, I think it is important, obviously, to increase support for safety improvements, given some of the incidents that we have seen across the country.

Mr. Chair, in response to my colleague across the aisle, I don't think we would be in this situation if the prior Congress didn't increase spending by over \$5 trillion in 2 years. In looking to find savings for the American taxpayer while making sure that these programs are funded to the degree that they need to be, I think it is important that we increase funding in this account by \$10 million, and I encourage all of my colleagues to support that.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAWLER).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 5 OFFERED BY MS. ESCOBAR

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 5 printed in part B of House Report 118-261.

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 5, line 5, after the first dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$10,550,000) (increased by \$10,550,000)".

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. ESCOBAR) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas.

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Chair, my amendment highlights the importance of the Thriving Communities Program within the Department of Transportation, which my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have struck funding for.

The Biden-Harris administration launched the much-needed program in 2022 to prepare State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments to better access Federal funding for their communities. This program is intended to help provide technical assistance to underresourced and disadvantaged communities to help them identify, develop, and deliver on transportation, housing, and other much-needed community revitalization opportunities.

It is unfortunate to see that my colleagues on the other side have eliminated this program, which helps communities in their own districts. Not only does the program provide technical assistance, but it also provides

grant and financial management support, predevelopment assistance, community engagement, planning, and project delivery support.

With historical funding provided by the bipartisan infrastructure law and the Inflation Reduction Act, it has been a priority for the Biden-Harris administration to ensure Federal investments that tackle climate, clean energy, and transportation initiatives are equitably distributed to economically disadvantaged communities as well as rural communities.

In fact, many of the same colleagues who approve of slashing this funding have actually enjoyed and celebrated the projects built in their districts with this money.

I represent El Paso, Texas, an economically disadvantaged community that would benefit from the Thriving Communities Program. By eliminating this program, communities like mine and many like it across the country will not have the needed resources or equal opportunity to access and benefit from available Federal funding for vital projects in their communities. Rural communities, especially, will suffer.

As we all know, economically disadvantaged and rural communities across this country deserve programs like this because they know their needs but lack the needed resources to seek Federal funding.

It is programs like the Thriving Communities Program that continue to help the most vulnerable access the historic Federal funding passed by the bipartisan infrastructure law and Inflation Reduction Act.

Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Oklahoma is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chair, the Thriving Communities Program is duplicative to the technical assistance already provided by the DOT's Office of the Secretary.

I recognize the burdens that rural, Tribal, and disadvantaged communities face in obtaining Federal grant funds, but a \$25 million office focused on providing additional technical assistance is unnecessary.

DOT should focus on simplifying the grant application process as opposed to a slush fund for additional grant consultants.

I understand that this program has received a total of \$50 million in funding over the last 2 years. However, even the Senate recognizes that this program does not need any more funding. They detail in their report that they are also not providing any funding for this program this year because the program still has \$28 million in unused balances.

I simply don't think it is necessary, and I urge the rejection of the amendment.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Chair, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. QUIGLEY).

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of my colleague's amendment. The Thriving Communities Program facilitates the planning and development of community revitalization activities to ensure that underresourced and disadvantaged communities can access funding provided in the bipartisan infrastructure law.

Many rural and Tribal communities that have suffered historic disinvestment lack the resources and capacity to successfully develop infrastructure projects and access critical Federal funding.

The elimination of the Thriving Communities Program is just another example of my colleagues across the aisle turning their back on the very communities they represent.

Mr. Chair, I strongly support my colleague's amendment.

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Chair, eliminating this funding is reckless. It will make it harder for underserved and rural communities across the United States to access this much-needed Federal funding.

We know that investment in infrastructure doesn't just help rebuild our country, but it also creates badly needed American jobs that help communities across America thrive. That is why I ask my colleagues to support this amendment.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. ESCOBAR).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Texas will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 6 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 6 printed in part B of House Report 118-261.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 5, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$6,750,000)".

Page 203, line 2, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$6,750,000)".

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, this amendment reduces the funding level for the

National Surface Transportation and Innovation Finance Bureau to the fiscal year 2022 level, saving \$6.75 million.

This office was created by the FAST Act solely to help entities apply for Federal subsidies for transportation projects. It has become so complicated, and there are so many different programs, that now we have to have an entity that navigates interested parties through it.

In fiscal year 2022, this program was funded at \$3.8 million. In this House bill, just 2 years later, it is funded at \$10.55 million.

Let's think about that. We are lending out so much money from the taxpayers that we need to use taxpayer dollars to create an office to assist people looking to take those loans.

This office is supposed to streamline and improve the application process for DOT's credit assistance programs, according to the Department of Transportation website. These programs, which include TIFIA and RRIF credit assistance programs, have very favorable terms for the borrower. Unfortunately, they have unfavorable terms for the taxpayer.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Illinois is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to this amendment to cut funding for the Build America Bureau by more than half.

The Build America Bureau supports transportation and infrastructure development projects by working closely with States, municipalities, and project sponsors to provide technical assistance on preplanning and project development. They help with applying for credit programs and cultivate public-private partnerships.

This helps communities successfully develop projects and navigate available public and private financing opportunities which require significant capacity and expertise that can be a barrier for many small, rural, or otherwise disadvantaged communities looking to access capital.

We should support programs that make it easier to build, and I urge my colleagues to reject this amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, these programs, unfortunately, often finance projects that have little or no value to interstate commerce.

This is the Federal Government. The Federal Government exists to do things that the State and local governments can't do, but yet the State and local governments can do these things. They just choose not to. I don't blame them. Why would they when the Federal Government will pay for them?

I will give you some examples:

It includes \$606 million in TIFIA assistance to the Moynihan Train Hall project in New York City to relieve congestion at Penn Station.

It includes \$99 million in TIFIA assistance to the city of Bellevue, Washington, for 12 multimodal roadways to support the new Bel-Red neighborhood in the heart of the city. It is great for those cities. I am sure it is wonderful, but that project alone included 25,000 linear feet of sidewalk and 21,000 linear feet of dedicated and separate bike lanes, all within one city.

They weren't crossing State lines. People in Pennsylvania are paying for the one in Washington, people in New Mexico, Florida. They are not there, though. They just get to pay for it.

It also includes \$908 million in TIFIA assistance to a regional rail project that only traverses through three counties in Texas.

What region is that? I guess that is the Texas region, right? It is not the Southwest. I mean, it is technically, but this doesn't cross any State lines. There is no interstate nexus here. There is no reason for the Federal Government to be involved.

I am sure these projects and many more funded by these programs are appreciated by the residents of these areas. I am absolutely certain of it. I am also sure that I am in the minority when I say there should be fewer of these programs to redistribute taxpayer-funded subsidies across the country. We simply can't afford them. We simply can't afford them.

I know I am going to be a broken record, but we are going to hear the broken record of \$33 trillion in debt and climbing every single day at exponential rates unseen before in history. At a bare minimum, instead of creating an increasing funding for an office to manage the web of bureaucracy of these subsidy programs, why don't we actually cut these programs, especially the duplicative ones?

My colleague on the other side of the aisle says it exists to help them apply and successfully develop projects. I am sure it does. I am sure they develop the projects just to receive this money. That is why they do it, because this thing exists. Maybe the project wouldn't exist if it weren't for this first.

He says it requires expertise. I am sure it does because it is complicated. It is so complicated that we have a bureau now just to navigate these things for grant recipients and would-be grant recipients and funding recipients. We can't afford this. We don't need this, and I urge adoption.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. KIM).

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Chair, I rise today in concern over implications and consequences of what is before us with this bill. I rise in opposition to proposed cuts to Amtrak that will di-

minish the funding it needs to provide the service Americans rely on every day.

I know how important Amtrak is because I am one of those Americans who rely on its service. I am one of 9.3 million Americans who used the Northeast Corridor in 2022 to get home, see family, or conduct business. In fact, I just rode the Amtrak train down today to be here at the Capitol to do the work of this country. I am one of nearly 23 million Americans nationwide who have used Amtrak last year to bring our communities closer together and help create economic opportunities for working people.

For this reason, at the appropriate time, I will offer a motion to recommit this bill back to committee and will insert this as text into the RECORD. If the House rules permit, I would have offered the motion with an important amendment to this bill.

My amendment would increase the level of grants for the Northeast Corridor and National Network to match the fiscal year 2023 enacted level. In short, it would help make sure a critical program that millions rely on has the funding it needs to continue operating at the level the American people expect.

Unfortunately, delivering for the American people is not a priority in this Republican budget. This budget guts Amtrak funding by 64 percent. It guts funding for the Northeast Corridor by 92 percent, and it eliminates critical programs for rail safety at a time when we should be prioritizing safety for our workers and our communities.

This Republican budget impacts my home State of New Jersey particularly hard. At a time when train derailments are costing lives, this budget would result in nearly 200 fewer safety inspections in my State of New Jersey alone. At a time when we should be investing in our infrastructure, New Jersey stands to lose nearly \$173 million in funding for our transit and highway projects.

New Jersey deserves better, and America deserves better. We can start to make this right for them by passing this MTR to provide the funding we need for programs that millions of Americans depend on.

Mr. Chair, I include in the RECORD the text of this amendment.

Mr. Kim of New Jersey moves to recommit the bill H.R. 4820 to the committee on Appropriations with the following amendments.

Page 55, line 7, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$1,160,769,000)".

Page 55, line 23, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$416,624,000)".

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

The amendment was agreed to.

The Acting CHAIR. The Chair understands that amendment No. 13 will not be offered.

AMENDMENT NO. 20 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 20 printed in part B of House Report 118-261.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 55, line 23, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$776,376,000)".

Page 203, line 2, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$776,376,000)".

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, let's be clear. The gentleman who spoke just before me that just rode the train in from New Jersey today should have no problem with this amendment because it does nothing to the Northeast Corridor. However, what it does do, it cuts the over \$776 million in funding for the National Network of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

I understand that the President has an affinity for passenger rail, especially Amtrak. Amtrak's 15-year vision released in 2021 mirrors that enthusiasm, plotting out an ambitious 39 new routes in the next 15 years. The problem is, it can't be said enough here in Washington, we are out of money. We are borrowing money to pay these bills.

The behemoth IIJA passed just a few years ago contained billions in funding directly for both the Northeast Corridor, which the good gentleman from New Jersey just talked about, but also the National Network.

This doesn't include billions of dollars going to passenger rail grant and loan programs at DOT, many of which Amtrak has been and remains eligible for at this moment. It doesn't include it. This amounts to at least \$4.4 billion for Amtrak across both accounts. They are already getting that, \$4.4 billion per year, preauthorized, prepaid. Why in the world would we continue to pump money into a budget line item that will automatically get generous support for the next few years at least? Like I just said, \$4.4 billion.

Furthermore, this ignores that sucking chest wound of Amtrak's finances. Even before the pandemic, Amtrak's ticket revenue wasn't meeting its operating expenses; and now after the pandemic, numbers look even more grim. In FY22 Amtrak ran an astounding \$886 million operating deficit, \$806 million of which was from the National Network, easily the lion's share. We simply must stop the bleeding.

While I didn't vote for the Biden blowout infrastructure bill, it did contain a supplemental appropriation of \$3.2 billion per year for FY22 through FY26 for Amtrak's National Network. They are already getting that \$3.2 billion.

This amendment simply cuts \$776 million contained in this bill, the bill that we are trying to move today, this bill, from the National Network.

Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Illinois is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this amendment and its extreme proposal to zero out the National Network grants. Amtrak's National Network trains carried 16.5 million people last year and provided the only intercity public transportation in many small rural communities.

Without this grant, nearly all of Amtrak's service outside of the Boston-Washington Northeast Corridor—15 long-distance routes that are the only Amtrak service in 23 States, and 28 State-supported short-distance routes funded through Amtrak State partnerships—would disappear. That would include the Texas Eagle from Chicago to Arkansas.

How would I visit Mr. WOMACK or Mr. HILL in Arkansas without this, just to name a few?

The funding in this committee bill is already woefully short of ensuring the National Network is safe, reliable, and on time. Funding for the National Network has already been cut by 35 percent, from \$1.2 billion to \$776 million which, if enacted, would radically reduce or suspend service on rail lines across the country.

It also cuts funding for the Amtrak workforce of more than 20,000 employees, including almost 3,000 employees in the State of Pennsylvania.

I support robust funding for Amtrak and its National Network so that we can have safe and reliable passenger rail service across the country. We need investments in rail, not these draconian cuts.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Chairman, we absolutely do need investments in passenger rail, but private companies won't do it because it loses money. Amtrak is happy to do it because it is not their money. It is our money. It is our taxpayers' money. They get up early in the morning while it is still dark out, pack their lunch, and head off to work so they can pay the taxes for an operation that lost \$886 million in FY 2022—\$886 million.

You know who lost their job when they lost \$886 million of the taxpayers' hard-earned money? Nobody. Nobody lost their job. It doesn't matter.

What happens is we came in and we are asking for more money. We already talked about the billions they are already getting, and this is adding insult to injury for everybody who has to pay for it.

It is awesome to have rails that go across the country. It is one of the

founding principles of our country, opening the West. However, it wasn't the government that did it. It was entrepreneurs. It was people who speculated and risked their capital. Then the people who rode the trains paid for them. However, people who aren't riding the trains are paying for them, and they don't have any more money.

Do I want to see them close? I certainly don't. I don't want to see these lines ended and these services ended, but if we keep going, \$33 trillion, I don't know when the breaking point is, but everything is going to end at some point. We could learn a lesson, trim the waste, fix things that we can fix, so we can avoid everything stopping, but I guess we are going to head over the cliff.

Mr. Chair, I urge adoption of my amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, let's dismiss the notion that we don't subsidize all other forms of transportation, especially air travel.

If the private sector wants to take over air travel and pay for all parts of airports and everything that comes with it, then so be it, but that is not going to happen.

The fact of the matter is there are many benefits from having a robust rail system that serves communities that would not otherwise have them.

Mr. Chair, I oppose this amendment and urge my colleagues to join me in doing so. I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 22 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 22 printed in part B of House Report 118-261.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 59, line 7, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$130,828,124)".

Page 203, line 2, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$130,828,124)".

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, this amendment strikes over \$130 million in

transit infrastructure grants for the earmarks contained in this bill.

Even though many of my colleagues have chosen to request earmarks, or using the current euphemism, community project funding, I remain opposed to the use of this funding for local projects.

The corruptive and wasteful earmark process represents what I believe are the worst of our taxpayers' dollars being spent on projects that oftentimes have no Federal nexus whatsoever.

Take some of the grant projects being funded in this bill using transit infrastructure grants:

\$1.05 million for the rehabilitation of the Baldwin Park Train Station in Baldwin Park, California. I am sure it is beautiful. I am sure the residents love it. People in Pennsylvania don't know where it is and don't want to pay for it.

\$790,000 for the West Anaheim zero-emission microtransit project. I am not even sure what that is. Maybe I would be sure if I was in West Anaheim, but I am in Pennsylvania. I am not planning on traveling there anytime soon, but apparently my tax dollars are.

\$850,000 for the City of Phoenix Valley Metro microtransit. The City of Phoenix is beautiful. I have been there. I haven't used the microtransit project, but I get to pay for it, and so do all my bosses.

\$850,000 for the Norwalk Transit System bus stop equity project in Norwalk, California. I am sure it is beautiful. I am not sure what the equity project is. I would rather not pay for it, and neither would the folks that sent me here. They don't want to pay for it either because they don't have any money, and neither does this government.

Now, there is no doubt that some of the earmarks funded in this bill will benefit some folks around the country. However, again, many of them have no Federal nexus. State and local governments should be doing these things, not the Federal Government.

I bet nearly all of them are already eligible for some form of Federal transit spending anyhow. They don't need an earmark, and they can compete like everybody else on that boondoggle. We don't need this boondoggle on top of that boondoggle.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Illinois is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, tomorrow I think I will join the boondoggle caucus just to find out everything that is going on with boondoggles everywhere.

For the life of me, I can't understand why some of my Republican Members and friends across the aisle take offense at projects that increase safety on our roads while so many others support this and have earmarks—or however we want to describe or call them—

it really doesn't make that much difference.

It is important to remember that these came under Republican guidance that required a Federal nexus under this year's rules.

The committee project funding with-in this bill has gone through extensive vetting by Republican and Democratic offices before being submitted for review to the committee.

Let's make that even clearer. Every single one of the 127 transit projects containing funding in this bill were submitted by a Republican or a Democratic Member of this body.

Not only has each Member undertaken extensive vetting within their districts to identify the project as a priority, but the Department of Transportation has reviewed every single project and determined they are eligible.

They are eligible based on guidance and requirements that our Republican colleagues determined, including Federal law and regulation.

Those of you who are not aware, Republicans on the House Appropriations Committee already voted to strip funding away from three eligible projects simply because they benefit LGBTQ+ youth, seniors, and allies.

We have seen this before. It is an overreach by Republican Members for otherwise eligible projects so that based on their own ideology, they can dictate how each individual Member should support their district and constituents who voted them into office.

To my Republican colleagues who have funded transit projects in this bill, what will you tell your transit agencies who put the sweat and resources into submitting eligible projects for funding?

I would mention the folks who did that: Mr. GARCÍA, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. MOORE, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. ROSE, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VALADAO, and many, many more along those same lines.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, I understand that it received guidance. It doesn't matter to me if it the received guidance.

As a matter of fact, it seems to me based on the examples I gave you that the guidance is flawed, which is why I voted against this when we started this session and we crafted the rules. I voted against all of this because I knew this was going to happen.

I don't cast any aspersions to Republicans or Democrats in this. I am not going to name any names. I am not mad at anybody here. I think it is bad for the whole country, and it is a bad way of doing business.

As to the safety aspect, I guess when you don't have any real argument to make about the projects themselves and the alleged Federal nexus, you throw the old safety—like, of course, everybody on this side of the aisle, we

want to be unsafe. We love to be unsafe. We want everybody to be unsafe just like we like to breathe dirty air and drink dirty water, and people somehow believe that. Nothing could be further from the truth.

If the only way we can be safe is by bankrupting the country, I wonder how this country made it this far. We made it pretty far without bankrupting ourselves, but yet, we can make it no further.

I guess that is what we are going to learn here with this process on this bill. Too much money. Too much borrowing. We can't afford it. No Federal nexus.

I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this amendment, and I yield the balance of my time.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, a quick thought on earmarks. In general, a person doesn't like earmarks, but on the other hand, using the language that they often use, they don't want some nameless, faceless bureaucrat in D.C. making decisions on how their money is spent. It is one way or the other.

Mr. Chair, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE).

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chair, I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to my good friend from Pennsylvania's amendment for a simple reason. Actually, I will start with where my friend, the ranking member, was.

These decisions are too often made by faceless bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., and there ought to be an opportunity for Members to advocate.

We all know the top lines are set long before any of these projects are awarded, so this doesn't add a single dime. It just allows Members to advocate under a structured process for things that they think will make a difference in the lives of their constituents.

We are not spending one cent more than we would have spent. We are giving Members the opportunity to influence decisions that are important to them and their constituents.

We do take our vetting responsibilities very seriously. These were vetted by the Republican Appropriations Committee and staffers in cooperation with our friends from the other side of the aisle, and we don't approve them all. About a third of these things never make it, and a lot of them don't get as much money as they ask for.

This is a good tool, an important tool. Congress went without it for a decade and decided after that experience, we need it back.

Overwhelming majorities in both conferences made that decision, not one or the other. We voted on this rule in our conference multiple times. The margin has gotten bigger every time.

Mr. Chair, I urge defeat of the amendment.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

The amendment was rejected.

AMENDMENT NO. 23 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 23 printed in part B of House Report 118-261.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 60, line 22, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$392,204,000)".

Page 203, line 2, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$392,204,000)".

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, this amendment would strike the funds for the Capital Investment Grant Program.

For the past decade, the Capital Investment Grant Program has led to the misallocation of funds to the most expensive projects without regard to the project's financial viability or expected ridership, which would seem to me to be kind of important.

By overextending their resources in search of Federal grant funding, transit agencies fail to consider the impact this will have on their ability to provide existing services.

While this was true before the pandemic, it is of particular concern in the post-pandemic environment. FDA data shows 2023 ridership came in a little over 50 percent of 2019 levels, so there is little need to build out additions to the transit system before we can ascertain the long-term impact of the pandemic and the interest in public transportation generally on ridership.

People aren't riding, yet we are going to build more of this stuff. That seems, I don't know, a little counterintuitive to me.

Congress now has provided in excess of \$100 billion in annual and emergency spending to public transit agencies over the pandemic era period.

There is a reason for that. We need to slow down and determine where future ridership is headed before we continue to throw good money after bad into capital projects we can't afford, are unnecessary, and will never be sustained.

Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Illinois is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to yet another anti-mobility amendment to eliminate funding for transit capital investment grants.

The bill already cuts transit infrastructure by 82 percent. The gentleman from Pennsylvania's previous amendment doubled down on that by eliminating Member-sponsored transit projects.

The bipartisan infrastructure law authorized this program to receive \$3 billion for fiscal year 2024. Instead of debating an amendment to get us closer to that amount, we are wasting our time reneging on yet another bipartisan agreement.

This amendment would make it impossible for dozens of commuter rail and bus projects already in the pipeline for construction grants to move along in a timely manner. That includes the thousands of jobs supported by those projects. In fact, for every \$1 invested in public transit, another \$5 is leveraged.

Today, there are 69 projects across the Nation seeking funding under this program, including such places as Huntsville, Alabama; Indianapolis, Indiana; Rochester, Minnesota; Columbus, Ohio; Salt Lake City, and Spokane, Washington.

While we often focus on the local benefits, the need for increased mobility and access to job centers, medical care, and schools goes beyond any one district.

Transit gets essential workers from home to the places many of us rely on: hospitals, stores, service delivery hubs, and schools, not only supporting thousands of jobs across the country but the local economies that rely on these workers.

The American people are tired of seeing half complete construction projects on the side of the road and deserve the confidence of this body that their taxpayer dollars will result in real infrastructure benefits.

Instead of cutting off funding for buses and subways and those employed by and relying on these transportation systems, we should be investing in these projects that give commuters more reliable service, lower congestion on the roads, and make it a little easier to breathe.

I urge all my colleagues to reject this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, no one here is anti-mobility. We are anti-bankruptcy. We want everybody to be able to go where they need to go when they need to go there.

We can't afford these projects. The fact is the only way they can be done is if the Federal Government pays for them. It would probably be done no other way, which begs the question: If it is the only way they can be done, are they really affordable? Of course, they are not. It is how we ended up \$33 trillion in debt, for things like this.

Again, we are not opposed to anybody, any State, any locality investing in their community to do these things. The Federal Government simply doesn't have the money to do it anymore.

The gentleman talks about the return on investment. Well, the return on investment doesn't come to these projects because if it did, they wouldn't be seeking all this money every single year.

Return on investment doesn't come to the taxpayers. We just keep spending and spending and spending. Somebody in this place, somebody in this body, somebody in this town has to pick somewhere to start saving some money.

We don't have any problem with the rest of everything we do picking the winners and losers, but there can never be any losers when it comes to funding in this place except for the taxpayer.

They get to lose because no one cares about them. I am here to say I care about them. We have got to stop this.

Mr. Chair, I urge adoption, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chairman, when President Eisenhower developed the Interstate Highway System after coming back from Europe in the Second World War, it wasn't brought to you by some corporate sponsor.

It is a recognition that there are things that government does that have value. It accomplishes things the private sector can't or won't do, and that doesn't mean they shouldn't get done. It is the whole purpose of government.

We recognize it at this time when we are trying to be economically competitive with the rest of the world that our economic competitors are outspending us on the critical ingredient leading to economic growth, which is, in large part, infrastructure. That is why the trucking industry, the rail industry, and so many others were pushing so hard to get that infrastructure bill done. It is why we have to do that to keep growing the economy, which drives jobs and, indeed, tax growth so we can pay for these things.

If we don't, and the roads and our transit systems become pothole-filled or inoperable, the economy will come to a standstill, as well.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

The amendment was rejected.

AMENDMENT NO. 24 OFFERED BY MR. OGLES

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 24 printed in part B of House Report 118-261.

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 61, line 6, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$1,000,000)(reduced by \$1,000,000)".

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLES) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Chairman, my amendment increases and decreases to

emphasize the importance of restoring public safety and the rule of law on the D.C. Metro.

While it primarily is focusing on crime on the Metro, I would be remiss if I failed to mention that law and order in our Nation's Capital has completely collapsed.

Based on preliminary data from the Metropolitan Police Department, crime has increased 27 percent overall this year. More concerning, violent crime has increased by 40 percent. Compared to this time last year, the homicide rate is up 33 percent; robbery is up 69 percent; and motor vehicle theft is up by 101 percent.

A month ago, one of our esteemed colleagues was carjacked, a fate that befalls too many people in the D.C. metro area. The fact that criminals are so brazen as to steal the car of a Member of Congress shows how far the situation has deteriorated.

This sharp increase in the crime rate is directly attributable to the failed home rule policy that has empowered a leftist government to pursue its ideological agenda at the expense of the general welfare.

Let me say it one more time: D.C. home rule is a complete and total failure.

Mr. Chairman, all too often, criminals in this city receive a slap on the wrist. There are few places where crime is more noticeable than the D.C. metro area. From October 2022 to October 2023, crime has almost tripled.

We should be ashamed. We have residents, colleagues, children, and tourists taking our Metro while visiting our city, and it is not safe. Safety is something that we should be able to guarantee on a federally funded transit system.

From a 2-year period, 2020 to 2022, there were a total of six homicides on the Metro. This year, there have already been seven.

Mr. Chairman, earlier this year, I introduced the Seat of Government Act, which would repeal the District of Columbia's home rule and restore control of D.C. to the Federal Government, where it belongs.

Mr. Chair, I ask for the adoption of this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLES).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 25 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 25 printed in part B of House Report 118-261.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 61, line 6, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$150,000,000)".

Page 203, line 2, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$150,000,000)".

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentleman

from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, this amendment strikes \$150 million in grants from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, known as WMATA.

This area that we are operating in, that we are speaking about, is full of highly educated professionals, many of whom work for the government or government contractors and associated jobs. Some of the surrounding counties in Maryland and Virginia have some of the highest median incomes per county in the country. It is pretty affluent around here.

Like many transit agencies, even before the pandemic, WMATA had an unsustainable budget outlook and operation, getting 53 percent of its budget through State and local subsidies—not through fares of all the well-to-do folks around the area riding, but through subsidies.

If you were to run a business where you only made 47 percent of your budget in revenues, you would be out of business pretty darn quick.

During the pandemic, most Federal agencies sent their workers home. Even so, WMATA received over \$2 billion from pandemic-era legislation to keep it afloat. Nobody was riding because everybody was sent home, but this place sent them \$2 billion to keep paying the bills when nobody was riding—only in Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, only in America.

We are now post-shutdown, and Federal workers are still not going to the office. A recent GAO report showed that 17 of the 24 Federal agencies surveyed used an average of 25 percent or less of their headquarters building capacity right here in Washington, D.C. That is 75 percent of the space in these headquarters buildings around here that taxpayers are paying for with no benefit because 75 percent of it is empty. Not only are they paying for a building nobody is in, but they are paying for a transit system that is taking no one to work in these places.

WMATA said that in May of this year, rail ridership reached only 50 percent of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays and 89 percent on weekends. Mr. Chairman, 50 percent of pre-pandemic is half. It just now reached half of pre-pandemic levels in May of this year.

After Federal COVID relief for WMATA is exhausted, the Metro's budget deficit will be \$750 million in fiscal year 2025 and \$830 million in fiscal year 2026.

When is it going to end? When?

WMATA's leadership says that the deficit results from inflation, collective bargaining agreements, and, importantly, \$288 million from decreased ridership.

Well, I can't do anything about those things, but I can try to do something about the exorbitant amount of money

we are losing, that the taxpayers are sending into this black hole and getting nothing for it.

Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Illinois is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON).

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Chair, I strongly oppose this amendment. This amendment would eliminate \$150 million in Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act funding for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

This funding, which Congress has provided annually since 2008, supports much-needed high-priority capital and preventive maintenance projects, including rehabilitating crumbling rail station platforms, supporting first responder safety, repairing elevators and escalators, mitigating tunnel water leaks, and replacing aging and obsolete equipment on railcars.

Hundreds of thousands of national capital region residents, visitors, and Federal Government employees rely on the Metro daily. Without this funding, there could be reductions in rail service and increased risk to the safety of riders, as well as increased road traffic emissions.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to oppose this reckless amendment.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, reckless? We just heard from the gentleman right before me about how dangerous it is to ride in the National Capital's transit system. People come here and it is dangerous to ride on the transit system of their Capital. That is reckless.

This transit system is expecting to get this \$150 million in grants, and they are still going to lose \$750 million in 2025 and \$830 million in 2026. They are still going to lose that even with the \$150 million because they have no interest in trying to make this solvent.

Why should they? They keep on getting bailed out by the good people from around the country who can't even go to their Nation's Capital and be sure that they won't be beaten up, robbed, or worse on the transit system. It is unacceptable. There ought to be some accountability. There ought to be any accountability.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chairman, I note that Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia plans to submit a statement to the RECORD opposing this amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. SPANBERGER).

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to this amendment.

Tonight, I am speaking on behalf of thousands of Virginians who rely every single day on the Metro. They take it

to work. They take it to school. They take it to see their families.

This cut would hurt their commutes. This cut would eliminate funding for urgent capital projects, meaning it would impact the safety and reliability of the system. This cut would be a slight to the Federal workers, including those who work right here on Capitol Hill and those who rely on the Metro to get to their jobs so that they can keep our government functioning, our country safe, and our economy running.

Historically, support for Metro's capital funding has not been hyperpartisan, and we should not change course right now. That is why I am proud to stand with members of the Maryland and Virginia delegations and my colleagues from the District of Columbia in pushing back against this senseless proposal.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, this shouldn't be hyperpartisan. My friends on the other side of the aisle, I am sure they like taking the train. I am sure their constituents and their bosses do, as well. Having other people pay for it is an awesome circumstance. Everybody would want that.

We all like things for free, but things aren't free. We have to pay for things in this country, and we are out of money, Mr. Chairman.

It shouldn't be hyperpartisan, and it is not hyperpartisan. Those in this room would have you believe that, but there are people on both sides of the aisle who know that this thing is inefficient, wasteful, dangerous, and, yes, indeed, reckless.

Mr. Chairman, I urge adoption of this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. IVEY).

Mr. IVEY. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong opposition to the Perry amendment. This amendment would cut \$150 million in Federal capital funding for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

The Perry amendment would undermine a successful Federal-State-local partnership which provides Metro with \$150 million in Federal funding for urgent capital projects. This funding is matched 100 percent with \$150 million from Metro compact members, Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. The \$300 million annual investment is critical to improving the safety and reliability of the system.

Continued bipartisan support for America's transit agency will ensure WMATA progress on restoring aging infrastructure and maintaining a safe and reliable system for visitors from across the United States.

This annual capital funding program was created by Republican Congressman Tom Davis as part of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act. This program has received

broad bipartisan support for more than a decade, and the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act reauthorized the program until 2030.

Funding for the Federal Government's FY 2024 contribution to Metro is included in this bill on the House floor this week and was in the T-HUD bill that recently passed the Senate by a vote of 82-15.

The funding enjoys such consistent and longstanding support in Congress because the Federal Government is both a stakeholder in the system and a chief beneficiary of this annual capital funding contribution.

Metro is a \$40 billion asset to the national capital region and is essential to the operation of the Federal Government. More than one-third of all Metro stations are located on Federal property serving Federal facilities.

Unlike other transportation networks in the Nation, the Metro system serves a distinct vital national security role for the Federal Government, providing transportation to the Pentagon, Homeland Security, and the FBI offices. Metro transports thousands of Federal employees to work each day, and that number is increasing as Metro helps Federal agencies increase in-person work.

Metro recently saw its highest rate of Federal employee ridership since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Acting CHAIR. The time of the gentleman from Illinois has expired.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I rise as the designee of the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO), and I move to strike the last word.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Illinois is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the distinguished ranking member of the Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chair, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

This is America's subway. This is America's Metro. Millions of people from throughout this country come here and enjoy Metro's convenience while seeing the Federal Government, seeing their National Capital, and visiting all of us. That is why this is important to Congress, because it is America's subway. That is why, very frankly, Bill Lehman, many years ago, referred to it as America's subway and why the Federal Government would invest in its operations.

I rise in strong opposition to this amendment. Obviously, a lot of people from my district ride Metro and come to work for the Federal Government, and thousands of Federal employees rely on it to get to their work serving the American people.

Metro is especially crucial now when many of the Federal workers are returning to the office after the pandemic, which I heard in the Rules Committee we want them to do. I agree with that. Indeed, in just the last 2

months, Federal employee ridership has reached its highest point since the pandemic began.

This is not just a local subway. This is the subway that all of our constituents use when they come to our city, the city of our Nation.

We depend on Metro and Metro depends on us. That is why Congress pledged to invest \$150 million in Metro capital improvements through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and why over the years we have invested in Metro's operations and well-being.

We need to honor that historic commitment. This amendment would break that promise. This money is—I am sure one of my colleagues or maybe all of my colleagues have told—matched many times over, as you would expect, by the local governments, all the local governments, and Washington D.C., as I am sure its Representative, who does such an extraordinary job, ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, pointed out.

I understand the author of this amendment wants to cut spending in many, many places. This is one that he has chosen, but I think it is a bad choice. I think that every Republican and every Democrat who invites his constituents or her constituents to come to Washington, who invites their employees to be here on time and for many hours of the day and night, to consider strongly opposing this amendment with an overwhelming vote, a bipartisan vote, because Metro has been a bipartisan effort.

I have worked on Metro since I came here with Frank Wolf. Frank Wolf was a Republican from Virginia. We were essentially joined at the hip in fighting for Metro, not as a Republican Metro or Democratic Metro, but for the Nation's Metro.

Reject this amendment. Keep our word and our investment in the subway that serves all of our citizens.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Chair, I rise today to oppose Perry amendment No. 25, which would zero out the federal government's annual dedicated funding contribution to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), or the DC Metro as it is known.

This amendment would eliminate a successful federal-state-local partnership which provides Metro with \$150 million in federal funding for urgent capital projects.

This funding is matched 100 percent with \$150 million from Metro Compact members Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

This annual capital funding program was created by Republican Representative Tom Davis.

It was reauthorized in the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, through my legislation the Metro Accountability and Investment Act.

And the funding was included in both the House and Senate T-HUD bills for FY2023.

The funding enjoys such consistent and longstanding support in Congress because the federal government is both a stakeholder in the system and a chief beneficiary of this annual capital funding contribution.

The federal government receives two seats on the Metro Board of Directors. Despite making no contributions to Metro's operating budget, the federal government is entitled to make decisions about the service, safety, and budget of Metro.

Metro transports thousands of federal employees to work each day, and that number is increasing as Metro helps federal agencies increase in-person work.

Simply put, the federal government cannot function without Metro.

Please join me in opposing this self-defeating amendment.

Vote no on Perry Amendment No. 25.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 29 OFFERED BY MR. GROTHMAN

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 29 printed in part B of House Report 118-261.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 81, line 9, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000)".

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Chair, this amendment would increase and decrease the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer at the Department of Housing and Urban Development to express concern regarding the inherently divisive nature of the Diversity Council and the associated race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation-based Affinity or Employee Resource Groups.

Right now, HUD has several different employee affinity groups for different racial, ethnic, gender, or sexual orientations. These groups include Blacks in Government, for African American HUD employees; HUD AANHPI for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander; and HUD FedQ for LGBT employees.

The so-called Diversity Council is reflective of this administration's drive

to divide America. In other words, we should go to work every day, and Hispanic employees should be in one room and talk about what they have in common and Black people should be in another room and talk about what they have in common, and the gay people should be in another room and talk about what they have in common. On the face of it, it is a little bit ridiculous. It is divisive by its nature, as is so much of the affirmative action mania that has taken over this country.

A growing volume of research demonstrates that professional development programs and other trainings in DEI are abject failures.

There was a piece in *The New York Times*, by author Jesse Singal, that compared different DEI interventions and noted: “Racial affinity groups, a popular intervention in which participants are temporarily separated by race so they can talk about race, have perhaps proved even more problematic. They’ve sparked complaints, in places like Jacksonville, Florida, where a principal was temporarily reassigned after she attempted to separate White students from students of color. . . .”

In any event, the purpose of the groups is to tell people: Because your great-grandfather or grandfather came from Cuba, we are going to put you with these other people and you are supposed to share something in common with these people. In other words, people are labeled as being different by their race or by their gender, which on the face of it is such a racist and sexist thing to do.

I am not sure we should have a HUD, but if we are going to have a HUD, it should focus on its goals of providing housing or making sure we have affordable housing for the country, not setting aside groups of people who come from wildly different backgrounds and telling them because you are a Pacific Islander, or you are Hispanic, or you are Black you should think in a certain way.

I talked to an employee who has to put up with one of these groups in private at a business. That is exactly what they are. They have some expert diversity person telling people that because you are Black, you should think such and such a way, or because your grandfather is from Cuba, you should think such and such a way, or because your grandmother is from Korea, you should think in such and such a way. It is just anti-American across the board.

Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Illinois is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, can I just point out the absurdity of where we are right now? Let’s have two White guys talk about racial equality and equity, but here goes.

Instead of focusing on investing in affordable housing and the safe, efficient

transportation infrastructure that powers our economy, we are discussing several harmful anti-equality amendments that have no place in this bill and are frankly a distraction.

The Diversity Council and related groups that my colleague objects to include several affinity employee resource groups that provide opportunities, resources, advocacy for fairness, and peer support for HUD employees that are part of historically marginalized and underrepresented groups such as people with disabilities, women, and veterans.

We may not like the fact that those inequalities still exist, but they do. It does no one any good to hear no evil, see no evil, and speak no evil. The existence of these groups is not divisive. Instead, it promotes inclusion.

I don’t know why some of my Republican colleagues are so afraid of the word “equity” or why they would stand in the way of efforts to ensure that the needs of disabled, women, and veteran employees are met so they are all treated equally and fairly.

It is and always will be a movement toward a more perfect union. There was never anything in the Constitution or the Declaration of Independence, or anything else you can go down the street and read in another building, that tells us that we will ever have this accomplished. Instead, it is easier to say it is divisive, it is not necessary, it denies truth, or it denies history. That in itself is destructive.

This amendment is unnecessary. It is divisive, offensive, and a deep distraction. I urge my colleagues to vote “no.”

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Chair, I would comment that I think the gentleman has kind of a bizarre view of the world and I don’t think is accurately analyzing what America is today.

E pluribus unum, out of many, one, is the way we view America.

When they define members of these groups, if you are one-quarter American Indian or one-quarter Hispanic or one-quarter Black, you are considered part of a group. To think that these people all have something in common because of where their grandparents were born, maybe grandparents who have long since died, is a little bit offensive on its face.

If you look at how different groups do in this country, by the way, frequently the most economically successful group today are Asian Americans from India, then from the Philippines. Cubans do better than the average American.

Like I said, they are kind of bizarre. For the purpose of identifying people or setting aside these groups, you are going to have people classified by one grandparent, supposedly of color, even though nobody under the sun even knows what their ancestry is, is divisive on its face.

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I believe the only reason people keep pushing this garbage is they want to divide America and they want to have people who are perfectly happy Americans walk around and being told that because your grandfather was Native American or because your grandfather was Korean, you know—

The Acting CHAIR. The time of the gentleman has expired.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 30 OFFERED BY MR. BRECHEEN

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 30 printed in part B of House Report 118–261.

Mr. BRECHEEN. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 82, line 9, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$25,181,000)”.

Page 82, line 21, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$25,181,000)”.

Page 203, line 2, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$25,181,000)”.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. BRECHEEN) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma.

Mr. BRECHEEN. Mr. Chairman, my amendment would reduce spending by bringing the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s funding for the fair housing activities back to the fiscal year 2019 levels, which would be a cut of \$19.7 million.

Cutting funding back to pre-COVID 19 levels across the board for non-defense discretionary funding can right-size a discretionary budget that has grown 30 percent larger since the pandemic. We must return nondefense discretionary spending back to the 2019 spending levels if we are ever to have hope on the discretionary side of getting our fiscal house in order.

To accomplish that for this program—this is a modest cut of 0.022 percent of the total funding of this bill. I want to repeat that. It is a 0.022 percent cut, that is a cut of one-fifth of 1 percent.

Allowing the data to speak for itself, according to HUD’s own statistics, there were 11,741 housing discrimination complaints filed to the Department in 2022.

According to HUD, in fiscal year 2022, there were 15 cases of housing discrimination that were referred to the Department of Justice, of those cases, 14

were closed out by DOJ, meaning there was only one case out of over 11,000 that led to a charge of housing discrimination.

While many housing discrimination complaints are settled, most cases are found to be without cause or closed entirely. According to the Congressional Research Service, 3 to 5 percent of the complaints lead to a formal charge, and between zero to 1 percent of complaints lead to a referral to the Department of Justice.

Again, we need to get our fiscal house in order. We are rapidly approaching \$34 trillion in debt. It is costing families, through devaluation of our dollar, \$1,200 more per month to buy the exact same goods and services as compared to when our current President took office almost 3 years ago.

The effects of that, we all know, with interest rate changes are causing housing problems for a multitude of people.

The debt to GDP ratio is at our highest level since World War II. Our interest payments on the debt are about to cost more than defense spending, and that is within months to years ahead in short order.

Autopilot, mandatory spending amounts to 70 percent of our government spending. This number is expected to skyrocket to 90 percent within the next 10 years. This out-of-control spending at some point has to come to an end, either by choice or it will happen to us by force.

Mr. Chairman, I reiterate that this is incredibly small in terms of cuts—0.022 percent, one-fifth of 1 percent to the underlying bill. Let's return back to the 2019 fiscal year.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Illinois is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chairman, this amendment slashes funding for the HUD office responsible for enforcement of fair housing law by 25 percent below fiscal year 2023, undermining basic civil rights protections that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, and familial status.

This gutting of the office would result in the loss of an estimated 150 personnel who work to enforce the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and other civil rights laws.

In addition to improper investigation of fair housing complaints, the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity coordinates with the Department of Justice, trains fair housing practitioners, enforces VAWA protections, manages grants, conducts civil rights reviews of HUD investments, and develops policies that proactively advance housing equity.

Mr. Chair, I have seen firsthand in Chicago how, for example, LGBTQ youth—who are over-represented in the homeless population—can face dis-

crimination when attempting to access homeless shelters.

HUD guidance has played a critical role in clarifying the responsibilities of housing providers and assisting them in how to best promote fair and equal access.

Again, weakened civil rights enforcement hurts our most vulnerable constituents the most. In 2021, 54 percent of fair housing complaints nationwide were cases of discrimination on the basis of disability.

Housing affordability is not the only crisis Americans face when seeking stable housing. Discrimination is a real challenge for people with disabilities, veterans, seniors, and Tribal communities, and other vulnerable populations.

Instead of hollowing out meaningful implementation of civil rights protections, we should be taking every possible action to ensure Americans are not falling prey to loopholes and the lack of enforcement.

Mr. Chairman, I urge my colleagues to vote “no” on this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. BRECHEEN).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma will be postponed.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BRECHEEN) having assumed the chair, Mr. GIMENEZ, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4820) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 3, 2023.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on

November 3, 2023, at 3:20 p.m., said to contain a message from the President regarding the President's notification to the Congress consistent with section 8 of the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, as amended (22 U.S.C. 1978).

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk of the House.

NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 8 OF THE FISHERMEN'S PROTECTIVE ACT OF 1967, AS AMENDED (22 U.S.C. 1978)—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-77)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Natural Resources and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

On August 24, 2023, the Secretary of the Interior certified under section 8 of the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, as amended (the “Pelly Amendment”) (22 U.S.C. 1978), that nationals of the People's Republic of China (PRC) are engaging in trade or taking of eight species of pangolin that diminishes the effectiveness of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). This letter constitutes my notification to the Congress consistent with subsection (b) of the Pelly Amendment.

Pangolins, the world's only scaly mammal, are captured and trafficked at a higher rate annually than rhinoceroses, elephants, and tigers combined. Consumer demand for pangolin scales for traditional medicinal practices has pushed all eight pangolin species, originating from across Africa and Asia, toward extinction. Effective January 2, 2017, all species of pangolin were included in CITES Appendix I, which prohibits international trade for primarily commercial purposes. Despite this prohibition, the PRC remains the largest destination country for pangolin scales.

The PRC has taken some steps to curtail pangolin trafficking at its international ports and has uplisted pangolins under its Wildlife Protection Law. Yet the PRC maintains a system that allows for the legal commercial trade of pangolin scales for medicinal use from its national stockpiles, thereby indirectly providing commercial avenues for selling illegal pangolin specimens through its domestic pangolin market. Provincial governments within the PRC are allowed to issue permits to designated pharmaceutical companies and other entities to acquire pangolin specimens from the PRC's national stockpiles for medicinal use.

According to the United Nations, pangolin seizures have increased tenfold since 2014; moreover, based on data