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H. R. 5228

To provide for competitive grants to support access to affordable housing and the enhancement of mobility for residents in disadvantaged communities or neighborhoods.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. BOURDEAUX, and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Public Transportation
5 Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACCESS CONSTRUCTION**
2 **GRANTS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—There is authorized to be appro-
4 priated for fiscal year 2022 such sums as may be nec-
5 essary, to remain available until September 30, 2026, to
6 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the
7 Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration for
8 competitive grants to support access to affordable housing
9 and the enhancement of mobility for residents in disadvan-
10 taged communities or neighborhoods, in persistent poverty
11 communities, or for low-income riders generally.

12 (b) **ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS.**—Funds made
13 available under this section shall—

14 (1) be available to recipients and subrecipients
15 eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States
16 Code; and

17 (2) after allocation, be administered as if such
18 funds were provided under section 5307 of title 49,
19 United States Code.

20 (c) **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**—Eligible activities for
21 funds made available under this section shall be—

22 (1) construction of a new fixed guideway capital
23 project;

24 (2) construction of a bus rapid transit project
25 or a corridor-based bus rapid transit project that
26 utilizes zero-emission vehicles, including costs related

1 to the acquisition of such vehicles and related charg-
2 ing or fueling infrastructure, or a collection of such
3 projects; and

4 (3) notwithstanding subsection (a)(1) of section
5 5307 of such title, an expansion of the service area
6 or the frequency of service of recipients under such
7 section, which may include operational expenses, in-
8 cluding the provision of fare-free or reduced-fare
9 service, or the acquisition of zero-emission vehicles
10 or infrastructure to expand service.

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