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H. R. 6166

To provide an additional allocation of low-income housing tax credits in response to the Superfund site related condemnation of low-income housing in Indiana.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Indiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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; FINDINGS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Emergency East Chicago Housing Relief Act of 2016”.

6 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

7 (1) In 1972, the West Calumet Housing Com-
8 plex of East Chicago, Indiana, was established on
9 the site of a former white lead smelting facility.

1 (2) On February 7, 1992, the Environmental
2 Protection Agency (hereafter referred to as the
3 “EPA”) proposed a 79 acre tract of land comprising
4 the former lead refinery operation for listing on the
5 National Priorities List.

6 (3) On November 18, 1993, the EPA issued an
7 administrative order to manage the former lead re-
8 finery site under the Resource Conservation & Re-
9 covery Act.

10 (4) By June 2004, the EPA had begun man-
11 aging the former lead refinery site under the Com-
12 prehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,
13 and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund.

14 (5) In 2012, the EPA presented a negotiated
15 decision to remediate the West Calumet Housing
16 Complex and remove the lead contaminated soil. A
17 comprehensive testing process was initiated to detail
18 the extent of the contamination in the area.

19 (6) In April 2016, final review of the soil tests
20 revealed higher than expected levels of lead in the
21 land, including two significant lead hot spots, and
22 the EPA began a public messaging campaign to
23 alert West Calumet Housing Complex residents of
24 the health risks.

1 (7) Following this public notification, approxi-
2 mately 1,100 residents were informed that the West
3 Calumet Housing Complex would close rather than
4 proceed with remediation and that the residents
5 would need to find new homes.

6 (8) East Chicago, Indiana, currently lacks the
7 capacity to accommodate the relocation of the West
8 Calumet Housing Complex residents, forcing the
9 residents to look far from their current homes for
10 new housing.

11 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL HOUSING CREDIT DOLLAR AMOUNT IN**
12 **CONNECTION WITH SUPERFUND SITE RE-**
13 **LATED CONDEMNATION OF LOW-INCOME**
14 **HOUSING IN INDIANA.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 42 of the
16 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, in the case of calendar
17 years 2017 and 2018, the State housing credit ceiling of
18 Indiana shall be increased by the lesser of—

19 (1) the aggregate housing credit dollar amount
20 allocated for such calendar year by the State hous-
21 ing credit agency of Indiana to buildings located in
22 Lake County, Indiana, or

23 (2) the additional allocation amount.

24 (b) ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION AMOUNT.—For pur-
25 poses of subsection (a), the “additional allocation amount”

1 means \$18 multiplied by the population of Lake County,
2 Indiana (as determined on the basis of the most recent
3 census estimate of resident population released by the Bu-
4 reau of the Census before July 31, 2016).

5 (c) DOLLAR LIMITATION TO APPLY IN THE AGGRE-
6 GATE TO 2017 AND 2018.—In the case of calendar year
7 2018, the additional allocation amount taken into account
8 under subsection (a)(2) shall be reduced by the amount
9 of the increase in the State housing credit ceiling deter-
10 mined under subsection (a) for calendar year 2017.

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