117TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

### H.R.6531

#### AN ACT

To provide an increased allocation of funding under certain programs for assistance in areas of persistent poverty, and for other purposes.

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

#### 1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2	This Act may be cited as the "Targeting Resources						
3	to Communities in Need Act of 2022".						
4	SEC. 2. INCREASING SHARE OF FEDERAL RESOURCES TO						
5	AREAS OF PERSISTENT POVERTY AND OTHER						
6	HIGH-POVERTY AREAS.						
7	(a) Increasing Share of Federal Resources.—						
8	8 (1) Guidance and measures to incre						
9	FEDERAL INVESTMENTS.—Not later than 1 year						
10	after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director,						
11	in consultation with Federal agencies, shall imple-						
12	ment guidance to increase the share of Federal in-						
13	vestments targeted to—						
14	(A) areas of persistent poverty; and						
15	(B) other areas of high and persistent pov-						
16	erty that the Director, in consultation with						
17	Federal agencies, determines to be appropriate.						
18	(2) GUIDANCE FOR AGENCIES.—Not later than						
19	120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the						
20	Director shall issue guidance to Federal agencies						
21	identifying—						
22	(A) the scope and type of programs subject						
23	to the guidance and measures required by para-						
24	graph (1);						

1	(B) the share of Federal investments to be
2	targeted to the areas described under para-
3	graph (1);
4	(C) the manner in which Federal invest-
5	ments are to be targeted to the areas described
6	under paragraph (1); and
7	(D) measures to track the Federal invest-
8	ments targeted to the areas described under
9	paragraph (1) over time.
10	(3) Investment amount.—In developing the
11	guidance and measures under paragraph (1), the Di-
12	rector shall include a minimum goal that Federal in-
13	vestments targeted to areas of persistent poverty or
14	other areas with high and persistent poverty be in
15	an amount that is greater than the amount that is
16	proportional to the population of such areas in the
17	United States relative to the population of the
18	United States as a whole.
19	(4) Reports to congress.—The Director, in
20	consultation with Federal agencies, shall submit
21	each fiscal year to the appropriate committees of
22	Congress a report that includes—
23	(A) a list of the programs, by agency,
24	under which the amount of Federal funds tar-
25	geted to areas described under paragraph (1)

1	were increased in the previous fiscal year, in ac-
2	cordance with such paragraph; and
3	(B) for each program listed under sub-
4	paragraph (A)—
5	(i) the amount of funds that were tar-
6	geted under the program to an area of per-
7	sistent poverty or other area with high and
8	persistent poverty during the previous fis-
9	cal year;
10	(ii) the percent change from the fiscal
11	year before the previous fiscal year in the
12	amount of funds that were targeted under
13	the program toward an area of persistent
14	poverty or other area with high and per-
15	sistent poverty; and
16	(iii) to the extent practicable, an as-
17	sessment of the economic impact of the
18	program on the area, including data on the
19	categories of individuals impacted by the
20	targeting of funds to such areas under the
21	program, disaggregated by household in-
22	come, race, gender, age, national origin,
23	disability status, and whether the individ-
24	uals live in an urban area, suburban area,
25	or rural area

- (b) Publication of List of Areas of Persistent
   Poverty.—
- 3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after 4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Bureau of the 5 Census shall publish a list of all areas of persistent 6 poverty.
- 7 (2) UPDATE.—The Bureau of the Census shall update annually the list published under paragraph (1).

#### (c) GAO Reports.—

- (1) Initial Report.—Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall provide to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the effectiveness of the measures implemented under subsection (a), including an assessment regarding the impact of increasing Federal investments spent in areas of persistent poverty and other areas with high and persistent poverty.
- (2) Subsequent reports.—Not later than 10 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall provide at least two subsequent reports (as described in paragraph (1)) to the appropriate committees of Congress.

1	(d) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is						
2	authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2023,						
3	\$5,000,000 for salaries and expenses (including for enter-						
4	ing contracts with non-Federal persons) to carry out this						
5	Act.						
6	(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:						
7	(1) Appropriate committees of con-						
8	GRESS.—The term "appropriate committees of Con-						
9	gress" means—						
10	(A) the Committee on Appropriations, the						
11	Committee on the Budget, the Committee on						
12	Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and						
13	the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov						
14	ernmental Affairs of the Senate;						
15	(B) the Committee on Appropriations, the						
16	Committee on the Budget, the Committee on						
17	Energy and Commerce, the Committee on						
18	Transportation and Infrastructure, and the						
19	Committee on Oversight and Reform of the						
20	House of Representatives; and						
21	(C) any other committee of Congress that						
22	has jurisdiction over an agency with a role de-						
23	veloping or implementing measures under sub-						
24	section (a).						

- 1 (2) Area of persistent poverty.—The term
  2 "area of persistent poverty" means an area that is
  3 a high-poverty census tract or a persistent poverty
  4 county.
  - (3) DIRECTOR.—The term "Director" means the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.
  - (4) High-poverty census tract" means a census tract that has a poverty rate of not less than 20 percent in the most recent American Community Survey 5-year data published by the Bureau of the Census, and in the case of areas where no such data is collected from the American Community Survey, such term includes a census tract with a poverty rate of not less than 20 percent in the most recent decennial census of population conducted by the Bureau.
  - (5) Persistent poverty county.—The term "persistent poverty county" means—
    - (A) a county, parish, or other equivalent county division (as determined by the Bureau of the Census) with a poverty rate of not less than 20 percent in the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates by the Bureau of the Census in at least 25 of the last 30 years, including the

1	most recent year for which the estimates are
2	available; or

(B) for areas where Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates are not available, a county, parish, or equivalent level of geography, with a poverty rate of not less than 20 percent in at least 25 of the last 30 years, including the most recent year for which an estimate is available, as determined by the Bureau of the Census.

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Clerk.

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