

**AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF
A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 6684
OFFERED BY MR. LICCARDO OF CALIFORNIA**

Add at the end the following:

1 TITLE VI—OTHER MATTERS

2 SEC. 601. BLIGHTED BUILDING TO HOUSING CONVERSION

3 PROGRAM.

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) ATTAINABLE HOUSING.—The term “attainable housing” means housing that—

6 (A) serves households earning not more than 100 percent of the area median income, if a majority of the housing units are affordable to households earning not more than 80 percent of the area median income; or

7 (B) serves households earning not more than 120 percent of the area median income, if the majority of the housing units are affordable to households earning not more than 60 percent of the area median income.

8 (2) CONVERTED HOUSING UNIT.—The term “converted housing unit” means a housing unit that is created using a covered grant.

14 (6) PILOT PROGRAM.—The term “Pilot Pro-
15 gram” means the Blighted Building to Housing
16 Conversion Program carried out under subsection
17 (b).

(7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

20 (8) VACANT AND ABANDONED BUILDING.—The
21 term “vacant and abandoned building” means a
22 property—

23 (A) that was constructed for use as a
24 warehouse, factory, mall, strip mall, or hotel, or
25 for another industrial or commercial use; and

1 (B)(i) with respect to which—

2 (I) a code enforcement inspection has
3 determined that the property is not safe;
4 and

5 (II) not less than 90 days have
6 elapsed since the owner was notified of the
7 deficiencies in the property and the owner
8 has taken no corrective action; or

(b) GRANT PROGRAM.—For each of fiscal years 2027 through 2031, if the amounts made available to carry out the HOME Investment Partnerships Program exceed \$1,350,000,000, the Secretary may use not more than \$100,000,000 of the excess amounts to carry out a pilot program, to be known as the “Blighted Building to Housing Conversion Program”, under which the Secretary awards grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities to convert vacant and abandoned buildings into attainable housing.

24 (c) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—

12 (d) RELATION TO HOME INVESTMENT PARTNER-
13 SHIPS PROGRAM FORMULA ALLOCATION.—A covered
14 grant awarded to an eligible entity shall be in addition
15 to, and shall not affect, the formula allocation for the eligi-
16 ble entity under the HOME Investment Partnerships Pro-
17 gram.

18 (e) PRIORITY.—In awarding covered grants, the Sec-
19 retary shall give priority to an eligible entity that—

20 (1) will use the covered grant in a community
21 that is experiencing economic distress;

22 (2) will use the covered grant in a qualified op-
23 portunity zone (as defined in section 1400Z-1(a) of
24 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986);

13 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity may use a
14 covered grant for—

15 (1) property acquisition

16 (2) demolition;

17 (3) health hazard remediation;

18 (4) site preparation;

19 (5) construction, renovation, or rehabilitation;

20 or

21 (6) the establishment, maintenance, or expansion
22 of community land trusts.

23 (g) APPLICABILITY OF HOME REQUIREMENTS.—

24 The requirements for rental, sale, and resale of housing
25 under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program shall

1 apply to rental, sale, and resale of converting housing
2 units under the Pilot Program.

3 (h) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—In administering covered
4 grants, the Secretary may waive, or specify alternative re-
5 quirements for, any statute or regulation that the Sec-
6 retary administers in connection with the obligation by the
7 Secretary or the use by eligible entities of covered grant
8 funds (except for requirements related to fair housing,
9 nondiscrimination, labor standards, or the environment)
10 if the Secretary makes a public finding that good cause
11 exists for the waiver or alternative requirement.

12 (i) STUDY; REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
13 the termination of the Pilot Program, the Secretary shall
14 study and submit a report to Congress on the impact of
15 the Pilot Program on—

16 (1) improving the tax base of local commu-
17 nities;

18 (2) increasing access to affordable housing, es-
19 specially for elderly individuals, disabled individuals,
20 and veterans;

21 (3) increasing homeownership; and

22 (4) removing blight.

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