

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 865
OFFERED BY MR. MEUSER OF PENNSYLVANIA**

At the end of title III add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON OPPORTUNITY ZONES.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds as follows:

3 (1) In the 115th Congress, Republicans en-
4 acted, as part of H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act
5 (Public Law 115–97), historic reforms to potentially
6 unleash trillions of dollars in private capital into
7 communities left behind during the current economic
8 expansion.

9 (2) Opportunity Zones were championed by
10 prominent leaders of both parties as an innovative
11 way to tackle longstanding challenges.

12 (3) Decades of top-down mandates from Wash-
13 ington have failed to revitalize communities, and
14 those communities are desperate for new solutions
15 driven by local leaders working with local citizens to
16 address local needs.

17 (4) As of December 2018, 8,763 low-income
18 communities had been designated as Opportunity
19 Zones, representing all 50 States, the District of Co-

1 Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and
2 American Samoa.

3 (5) Schools are integral parts of communities,
4 and a key part of communities' economic and work-
5 force development efforts could be modernizing
6 school facilities.

7 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the
8 Congress that Washington has offered decades of broken
9 promises and failed mandates, but that Opportunity Zones
10 provide an alternative approach that will unleash the cre-
11 ativity and innovation of local communities to rebuild
12 schools, rebuild economies, and get people back to work.

