

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 6531
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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 (1) GUIDANCE AND MEASURES TO INCREASE
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 and measures to increase the share
13 of Federal investments targeted to—

14 (A) areas of persistent poverty;

15 (B) other areas of high and persistent pov-
16 erty; and

1 (C) areas that the Director, in consultation
2 with Federal agencies, determines to be appro-
3 priate.

4 (2) GUIDANCE FOR AGENCIES.—Not later than
5 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
6 Director shall issue guidance to Federal agencies
7 identifying—

8 (A) the scope and type of programs subject
9 to the guidance and measures required by para-
10 graph (1);

11 (B) the share of Federal investments to be
12 targeted to the areas described under para-
13 graph (1);

14 (C) the manner in which Federal invest-
15 ments are to be targeted to the areas described
16 under paragraph (1); and

17 (D) measures to track the Federal invest-
18 ments targeted to the areas described under
19 paragraph (1) over time.

20 (3) INVESTMENT AMOUNT.—In developing the
21 guidance and measures under paragraph (1), the Di-
22 rector shall include a minimum goal that Federal in-
23 vestments targeted to areas of persistent poverty or
24 other areas with high and persistent poverty be in
25 an amount that is greater than the amount that is

1 proportional to the population of such areas in the
2 United States relative to the population of the
3 United States as a whole.

4 (4) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Director, in
5 consultation with Federal agencies, shall submit
6 each fiscal year to the appropriate committees of
7 Congress a report that includes—

8 (A) a list of the programs, by agency,
9 under which the amount of Federal investments
10 targeted to areas described under paragraph (1)
11 were increased in the previous fiscal year, in ac-
12 cordance with such paragraph; and

13 (B) for each program listed under sub-
14 paragraph (A)—

15 (i) the amount of funds that were tar-
16 geted under the program to an area of per-
17 sistent poverty or other area with high and
18 persistent poverty during the previous fis-
19 cal year;

20 (ii) the percent change from the fiscal
21 year before the previous fiscal year in the
22 amount of funds that were targeted under
23 the program toward an area of persistent
24 poverty or other area with high and per-
25 sistent poverty; and

1 (iii) to the extent practicable, an as-
2 sessment of the economic impact of the
3 program on the area, including data on the
4 categories of individuals impacted by the
5 targeting of funds to such areas under the
6 program, disaggregated by household in-
7 come, race, gender, age, national origin,
8 disability status, and whether the individ-
9 uals live in an urban area, suburban area,
10 or rural area.

11 (b) PUBLICATION OF LIST OF AREAS OF PERSISTENT
12 POVERTY.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
14 the date of enactment of this Act, the Bureau of the
15 Census shall publish a list of all areas of persistent
16 poverty.

17 (2) UPDATE.—The Bureau of the Census shall
18 update annually the list published under paragraph
19 (1).

20 (c) GAO REPORTS.—

21 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than two years
22 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comp-
23 troller General of the United States shall provide to
24 the appropriate committees of Congress a report on
25 the effectiveness of the measures implemented under

1 subsection (a), including an assessment regarding
2 the impact of the measures on increasing Federal in-
3 vestments spent in areas of persistent poverty and
4 other areas with high and persistent poverty.

5 (2) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later than 10
6 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the
7 Comptroller General of the United States shall pro-
8 vide at least two subsequent reports (as described in
9 paragraph (1)) to the appropriate committees of
10 Congress.

11 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
12 authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2023,
13 \$5,000,000 for salaries and expenses (including for enter-
14 ing contracts with non-Federal persons) to carry out this
15 Act.

16 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

17 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
18 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
19 gress” means—

20 (A) the Committee on Appropriations, the
21 Committee on the Budget, the Committee on
22 Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and
23 the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
24 ernmental Affairs of the Senate;

1 (B) the Committee on Appropriations, the
2 Committee on the Budget, the Committee on
3 Energy and Commerce, the Committee on
4 Transportation and Infrastructure, and the
5 Committee on Oversight and Reform of the
6 House of Representatives; and

7 (C) any other committee of Congress that
8 has jurisdiction over an agency with a role de-
9 veloping or implementing measures under sub-
10 section (a).

11 (2) AREA OF PERSISTENT POVERTY.—The term
12 “area of persistent poverty” means an area that is
13 a high-poverty census tract or a persistent poverty
14 county.

15 (3) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
16 the Director of the Office of Management and Budg-
17 et.

18 (4) HIGH-POVERTY CENSUS TRACT.—The term
19 “high-poverty census tract” means a census tract
20 that has a poverty rate of not less than 20 percent
21 in the most recent American Community Survey 5-
22 year survey by the Bureau of the Census.

23 (5) PERSISTENT POVERTY COUNTY.—The term
24 “persistent poverty county” means—

1 (A) a county, parish, or other equivalent
2 county division (as determined by the Bureau of
3 the Census) with a poverty rate of not less than
4 20 percent in the Small Area Income and Pov-
5 erty Estimates by the Bureau of the Census in
6 the prior 30 years, and for the most recent year
7 for which the estimates are available; or

8 (B) a county, or equivalent level of geog-
9 raphy, in any territory or possession of the
10 United States with a poverty rate of not less
11 than 20 percent in the prior 30 years, as deter-
12 mined by the Bureau of the Census.

