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TEXT OF H.R. 6531, THE TARGETING RESOURCES
TO COMMUNITIES IN NEED ACT OF 2022

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under suspension of the rules.]

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 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.

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

5 (A) the scope and type of programs subject
6 to the guidance and measures required by para-
7 graph (1);

8 (B) the share of Federal investments to be
9 targeted to the areas described under para-
10 graph (1);

11 (C) the manner in which Federal invest-
12 ments are to be targeted to the areas described
13 under paragraph (1); and

14 (D) measures to track the Federal invest-
15 ments targeted to the areas described under
16 paragraph (1) over time.

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

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

5 (A) a list of the programs, by agency,
6 under which the amount of Federal funds tar-
7 geted to areas described under paragraph (1)
8 were increased in the previous fiscal year, in ac-
9 cordance with such paragraph; and

10 (B) for each program listed under sub-
11 paragraph (A)—

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

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

23 (iii) to the extent practicable, an as-
24 sessment of the economic impact of the
25 program on the area, including data on the

1 categories of individuals impacted by the
2 targeting of funds to such areas under the
3 program, disaggregated by household in-
4 come, race, gender, age, national origin,
5 disability status, and whether the individ-
6 uals live in an urban area, suburban area,
7 or rural area.

8 (b) PUBLICATION OF LIST OF AREAS OF PERSISTENT
9 POVERTY.—

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

14 (2) UPDATE.—The Bureau of the Census shall
15 update annually the list published under paragraph
16 (1).

17 (c) GAO REPORTS.—

18 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than two years
19 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comp-
20 troller General of the United States shall provide to
21 the appropriate committees of Congress a report on
22 the effectiveness of the measures implemented under
23 subsection (a), including an assessment regarding
24 the impact of increasing Federal investments spent

1 in areas of persistent poverty and other areas with
2 high and persistent poverty.

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

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

14 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

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

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

23 (B) the Committee on Appropriations, the
24 Committee on the Budget, the Committee on
25 Energy and Commerce, the Committee on

1 Transportation and Infrastructure, and the
2 Committee on Oversight and Reform of the
3 House of Representatives; and

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

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

12 (3) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
13 the Director of the Office of Management and Budg-
14 et.

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

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

22 (A) a county, parish, or other equivalent
23 county division (as determined by the Bureau of
24 the Census) with a poverty rate of not less than
25 20 percent in the Small Area Income and Pov-

1 erty Estimates by the Bureau of the Census in
2 at least 25 of the last 30 years, including the
3 most recent year for which the estimates are
4 available; or

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

