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H. R. 2637

To correct inequities in the second round of empowerment zones and
enterprise communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2001

Mr. LOBIONDO (for himself, Mr. CAPUANO, Mrs. BONO, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. REYES, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. SPENCE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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zones and enterprise communities.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Round II EZ/EC Flexi-
5 bility Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. CORRECTION OF INEQUITIES IN THE SECOND**
2 **ROUND OF EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND**
3 **ENTERPRISE COMMUNITIES.**

4 (a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—There are authorized to be
5 appropriated—

6 (1) to the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
7 velopment such sums as necessary to make grant
8 awards totaling \$100,000,000 to each of 15 urban
9 empowerment zones designated pursuant to section
10 1391(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, tak-
11 ing into account any amount made available pursu-
12 ant to any prior appropriation made for such zones;
13 and

14 (2) to the Secretary of Agriculture such sums
15 as necessary to make grant awards totaling
16 \$40,000,000 to each of 5 rural empowerment zones
17 designated pursuant to section 1391(g) of such
18 Code, taking into account any amount made avail-
19 able pursuant to any prior appropriation made for
20 such zones; and grant awards totaling \$3,000,000 to
21 each of 20 rural enterprise communities designated
22 pursuant to section 766 of the Agriculture, Rural
23 Development, Food and Drug Administration, and
24 Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, taking
25 into account any amount made available pursuant to
26 any prior appropriation made for such communities.

1 (b) **AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT**
2 **STRATEGIC PLAN.**—Funds appropriated under any Fed-
3 eral law for an empowerment zone or enterprise commu-
4 nity referred to in subsection (a) may be used to imple-
5 ment the strategic plan for the zone or community, includ-
6 ing economic development, infrastructure development,
7 workforce development, social services, and community de-
8 velopment activities.

9 (c) **NO LOSS OF FEDERAL FUNDS BY REASON OF**
10 **RECLASSIFICATION AS RENEWAL COMMUNITY.**—An area
11 that, by reason of section 1400E(e) of the Internal Rev-
12 enue Code of 1986, ceases to be designated as an em-
13 powerment zone or enterprise community under section
14 1391(g) of such Code shall not lose any Federal funds
15 by reason of the cessation.

16 (d) **AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS TO PAY NON-FED-**
17 **ERAL SHARE OF MATCHING GRANTS.**—Funds appro-
18 priated under any Federal law for an empowerment zone
19 or enterprise community referred to in subsection (a) may
20 be used to pay the non-Federal share required in connec-
21 tion with another Federal grant-in-aid program under-
22 taken as part of activities assisted under this section.

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