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# H. R. 4195

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to encourage the construction of senior centers and community centers.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2021

Mr. CICILLINE (for himself and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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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 “Community and Senior  
5       Center Support Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF RURAL AREA REQUIREMENT FOR PRO-**  
 2 **VISION OF ASSISTANCE FOR MULTIPURPOSE**  
 3 **SENIOR CENTERS AND FOR COMMUNITY CEN-**  
 4 **TERS PROVIDING HEALTH, COMMUNITY, SO-**  
 5 **CIAL, RECREATION, OR CULTURAL SERVICES,**  
 6 **UNDER ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES**  
 7 **PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 306(a) of the Consoli-  
 9 dated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.  
 10 1926(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(27) WAIVER OF RURAL AREA REQUIREMENT  
 12 FOR PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE FOR MULTIPURPOSE  
 13 SENIOR CENTERS AND FOR COMMUNITY CENTERS  
 14 PROVIDING HEALTH, COMMUNITY, SOCIAL, RECRE-  
 15 ATION, OR CULTURAL SERVICES, UNDER ESSENTIAL  
 16 COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAMS.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
 18 provide assistance under the essential commu-  
 19 nity facilities programs authorized under this  
 20 subsection, for a multipurpose senior center (as  
 21 defined in section 102(36) of the Older Ameri-  
 22 cans Act of 1965) or for an essential commu-  
 23 nity facility providing health, community, social,  
 24 recreation, or cultural services, without regard  
 25 to whether the center or facility is in a rural  
 26 area, and shall consult with the Secretary of

1           Housing and Urban Development in providing  
2           any such assistance for a center or facility that  
3           is not so located.

4           “(B) NO EFFECT ON OTHER ASSIST-  
5           ANCE.—The provision of assistance under sub-  
6           paragraph (A) shall not affect eligibility for, or  
7           the amount or type of, assistance to be provided  
8           under any other Federal program.”.

9           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
10          subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2021.

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