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To advance the development of affordable housing in rural and tribal communities, and for other purposes

IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 20TH, 2022

Mr. LIGHTWOOD (for himself, Ms. FALCONE, Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill;

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress Assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Revitalizing Rural and Tribal Housing Act”.

SEC. 2. RURAL MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROGRAMS.

- (a) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to be appropriated for carrying out the Multifamily Preservation and Revitalization Demonstration program of the Rural Housing Service (as authorized under sections 514, 515, and 516 of the Housing Act of 1949 ([42 U.S.C. 1484](#), [1485](#), and [1486](#))) \$5,600,000,000 and any amounts appropriated pursuant to this section shall remain available until expended.

- (b) APPROPRIATION USAGE.—Any amounts made available pursuant to this section may be used under such sections 514, 515, and 516 of the Housing Act of 1949, to finance the development and construction of new affordable housing in rural communities.
- (c) RESILIENCE AND EFFICIENCY.—Not less than 25 percent of all amounts made available pursuant to this section shall be used only for activities relating to climate and natural disaster resilience and water and energy efficiency.

SEC. 3. RURAL SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING PROGRAMS.

- (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated for carrying out single family housing repair grants under section 504 of the Housing Act of 1949 ([42 U.S.C. 1474](#)) \$500,000,000, any amounts appropriated pursuant to this section shall remain available until expended.
- (b) WAIVER.—The eligibility for such grants, as mentioned by subsection (a), shall not be subject to the age limitation set forth in [section 3550.103\(b\) of title 7](#), Code of Federal Regulations, or the citizenship status limitation set forth in [section 3550.103\(d\) of title 7](#), Code of Federal Regulations, as of the date of enactment of this Act.
- (c) RESILIENCE AND EFFICIENCY.—Not less than 20 percent of all amounts made available pursuant to this section shall be used only for activities relating to climate and natural disaster resilience and water and energy efficiency.

SEC. 3. NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS.

- (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated for carrying out the Native American housing block grant program under title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 ([25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.](#)) \$2,000,000,000, of which \$200,000,000 shall be available only for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program, as authorized under title VIII of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 ([25 U.S.C. 4221 et seq.](#)). Any amounts made available pursuant to this section shall remain available until expended.

(b) RESILIENCE AND EFFICIENCY.—Not less than 20 percent of all amounts made available pursuant to this section shall be used only for activities relating to climate and natural disaster resilience and water and energy efficiency.

SEC. 4. ENACTMENT.

EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
