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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.

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

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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