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To amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to ensure consideration of affordable housing in the reconnecting communities pilot program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania (for herself, Mrs. SYKES, and Mr. EVANS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Keeping Affordable
5 Housing in Forgotten Communities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM.**

2 Section 11509 of the Infrastructure Investment and
3 Jobs Act (23 U.S.C. 101 note; Public Law 117–58) is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in paragraph (2)—

7 (i) by redesignating subparagraphs
8 (A) through (C) as clauses (i) through
9 (iii), respectively, and indenting appro-
10 priately; and

11 (ii) by striking the paragraph designa-
12 tion and heading and all that follows
13 through “the term” and inserting the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term”; and

16 (B) by striking the subsection designation
17 and heading and all that follows through “the
18 term” in paragraph (1) and inserting the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(1) COMMUNITY LAND TRUST.—The term
22 ‘community land trust’ means a nonprofit entity or
23 a State or local government or instrumentality of a
24 State or local government that—

25 “(A) is not sponsored by a for-profit orga-
26 nization;

1 “(B) has as a primary purpose the provi-
2 sion and maintenance of housing that provides
3 long-term affordability for low- and moderate-
4 income persons;

5 “(C) provides housing described in sub-
6 paragraph (B) using a ground lease, deed cov-
7 enant, or other similar legally enforceable meas-
8 ure, as determined by the Secretary, that—

9 “(i) keeps the housing affordable to
10 low- and moderate-income persons for a
11 period of not less than 30 years; and

12 “(ii) enables low- and moderate-in-
13 come persons to purchase the housing for
14 homeownership; and

15 “(D) maintains preemptive purchase op-
16 tions to purchase the property so the housing
17 remains affordable to low- and moderate-income
18 persons.

19 “(2) ELIGIBLE FACILITY.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term”;

21 (2) in subsection (b)—

22 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, or to
23 preserve or create long-term affordable housing
24 units around the existing eligible facility” after
25 “facility”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “and to
2 enable the preservation or creation of long-term
3 affordable housing units around the existing eli-
4 gible facility” after “facility”;

5 (3) in subsection (c)(2)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

7 (i) in clause (vii), by striking “and” at
8 the end;

9 (ii) in clause (viii), by adding “and”
10 after the semicolon at the end; and

11 (iii) by adding after clause (viii) the
12 following:

13 “(ix) the impact of the mitigation, ret-
14 rofit, or removal of the eligible facility on
15 the supply of affordable owner-occupied
16 and rental housing in the surrounding
17 area;”;

18 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
19 “and” at the end;

20 (C) redesignating subparagraph (C) as
21 subparagraph (D); and

22 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
23 the following:

24 “(C) housing planning activities required
25 in advance of a project to mitigate, retrofit, or

1 remove an existing eligible facility in order to
2 preserve affordable housing around the existing
3 eligible facility, including—

4 “(i) the incorporation of long-term af-
5 fordability into such a project or the sur-
6 rounding area through existing or new—

7 “(I) community land trusts;

8 “(II) other shared equity home-
9 ownership programs that—

10 “(aa) have income require-
11 ments;

12 “(bb) require a resale for-
13 mula that limits the price for
14 which the property may be re-
15 sold; and

16 “(cc) are managed by a non-
17 profit affordable housing organi-
18 zation or developer;

19 “(III) resident-owned commu-
20 nities, including manufactured hous-
21 ing communities;

22 “(IV) housing cooperatives;

23 “(V) Tribal entities; or

1 “(VI) rental housing that will re-
2 main affordable for a period of not
3 less than 30 years;

4 “(ii) planning related to the purchase
5 or use of property around the existing eli-
6 gible facility by a community land trust,
7 land bank, nonprofit organization or devel-
8 oper, or municipality for the purpose of
9 creating affordable housing; and

10 “(iii) planning related to the imple-
11 mentation of a land value tax or a tax in-
12 crement financing district for the purpose
13 of funding affordable housing; and”;

14 (4) in subsection (d)(4)(B)(viii)—

15 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “and” at
16 the end;

17 (B) in subclause (II), by striking the pe-
18 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(III) preserving existing afford-
21 able housing and preventing displace-
22 ment of residents.”; and

23 (5) in subsection (e), by adding at the end the
24 following:

1 “(3) JOINT REPORT ON AFFORDABLE HOUS-
2 ING.—Not later than January 1, 2027, the Sec-
3 retary and the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
4 velopment shall submit to the Committee on Envi-
5 ronment and Public Works of the Senate and the
6 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
7 the House of Representatives a report that evaluates
8 the program under this section, including—

9 “(A) for the recipients of capital construc-
10 tion grants, data on—

11 “(i) rent and homeownership costs
12 during and after the award of a grant
13 under this section; and

14 “(ii) demographic changes in the sur-
15 rounding area after the award of a grant
16 under this section; and

17 “(B) information about partnerships that
18 recipients of grants under this section have en-
19 tered into with affordable housing organiza-
20 tions, including community land trusts or other
21 shared equity models, to preserve or develop af-
22 fordable housing.”.

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