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Making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 5, 2014

Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

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 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5 Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban

1 Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year end-
2 ing September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, namely:

3 TITLE I

4 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

5 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

6 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

7 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary,
8 \$108,000,000, of which not to exceed \$2,696,000 shall be
9 available for the immediate Office of the Secretary; not
10 to exceed \$1,011,000 shall be available for the immediate
11 Office of the Deputy Secretary; not to exceed \$19,980,000
12 shall be available for the Office of the General Counsel;
13 not to exceed \$10,300,000 shall be available for the Office
14 of the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy; not
15 to exceed \$12,676,000 shall be available for the Office of
16 the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs; not to
17 exceed \$2,500,000 shall be available for the Office of the
18 Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs; not to ex-
19 ceed \$27,131,000 shall be available for the Office of the
20 Assistant Secretary for Administration; not to exceed
21 \$2,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Public Af-
22 fairs; not to exceed \$1,714,000 shall be available for the
23 Office of the Executive Secretariat; not to exceed
24 \$1,414,000 shall be available for the Office of Small and
25 Disadvantaged Business Utilization; not to exceed

1 \$10,778,000 shall be available for the Office of Intel-
2 ligence, Security, and Emergency Response; and not to ex-
3 ceed \$15,800,000 shall be available for the Office of the
4 Chief Information Officer: *Provided*, That the Secretary
5 of Transportation is authorized to transfer funds appro-
6 priated for any office of the Office of the Secretary to any
7 other office of the Office of the Secretary: *Provided fur-*
8 *ther*, That no appropriation for any office shall be in-
9 creased or decreased by more than 5 percent by all such
10 transfers: *Provided further*, That notice of any change in
11 funding greater than 5 percent shall be submitted for ap-
12 proval to the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-
13 tions: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$60,000 shall
14 be for allocation within the Department for official recep-
15 tion and representation expenses as the Secretary may de-
16 termine: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other
17 provision of law, excluding fees authorized in Public Law
18 107-71, there may be credited to this appropriation up
19 to \$2,500,000 in funds received in user fees: *Provided fur-*
20 *ther*, That none of the funds provided in this Act shall
21 be available for the position of Assistant Secretary for
22 Public Affairs.

23 RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

24 For necessary expenses related to the Office of the
25 Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology,

1 \$13,500,000, of which \$8,218,000 shall remain available
2 until September 30, 2017: *Provided*, That there may be
3 credited to this appropriation, to be available until ex-
4 pended, funds received from States, counties, municipali-
5 ties, other public authorities, and private sources for ex-
6 penses incurred for training: *Provided further*, That any
7 reference in law, regulation, judicial proceedings, or else-
8 where to the Research and Innovative Technology Admin-
9 istration shall be deemed to be a reference to the Office
10 of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology
11 of the Department of Transportation.

12 NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

13 For capital investments in surface transportation in-
14 frastructure, \$550,000,000, to remain available through
15 September 30, 2018: *Provided*, That the Secretary of
16 Transportation shall distribute funds provided under this
17 heading as discretionary grants to be awarded to a State,
18 local government, transit agency, or a collaboration among
19 such entities on a competitive basis for projects that will
20 have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan
21 area, or a region: *Provided further*, That projects eligible
22 for funding provided under this heading shall include, but
23 not be limited to, highway or bridge projects eligible under
24 title 23, United States Code; public transportation
25 projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United

1 States Code; passenger and freight rail transportation
2 projects; and port infrastructure investments (including
3 inland port infrastructure): *Provided further*, That the
4 Secretary may use up to 35 percent of the funds made
5 available under this heading for the purpose of paying the
6 subsidy and administrative costs of projects eligible for
7 Federal credit assistance under chapter 6 of title 23,
8 United States Code, if the Secretary finds that such use
9 of the funds would advance the purposes of this para-
10 graph: *Provided further*, That in distributing funds pro-
11 vided under this heading, the Secretary shall take such
12 measures so as to ensure an equitable geographic distribu-
13 tion of funds, an appropriate balance in addressing the
14 needs of urban and rural areas, and the investment in a
15 variety of transportation modes: *Provided further*, That a
16 grant funded under this heading shall be not less than
17 \$10,000,000 and not greater than \$200,000,000: *Pro-*
18 *vided further*, That not more than 25 percent of the funds
19 made available under this heading may be awarded to
20 projects in a single State: *Provided further*, That the Fed-
21 eral share of the costs for which an expenditure is made
22 under this heading shall be, at the option of the recipient,
23 up to 80 percent: *Provided further*, That the Secretary
24 shall give priority to projects that require a contribution
25 of Federal funds in order to complete an overall financing

1 package: *Provided further*, That not less than 20 percent
2 of the funds provided under this heading shall be for
3 projects located in rural areas: *Provided further*, That for
4 projects located in rural areas, the minimum grant size
5 shall be \$1,000,000 and the Secretary may increase the
6 Federal share of costs above 80 percent: *Provided further*,
7 That of the amount made available under this heading,
8 the Secretary may use an amount not to exceed
9 \$35,000,000 for the planning, preparation or design of
10 projects eligible for funding under this heading: *Provided*
11 *further*, That grants awarded under the previous proviso
12 shall not be subject to a minimum grant size: *Provided*
13 *further*, That projects conducted using funds provided
14 under this heading must comply with the requirements of
15 subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States
16 Code: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall conduct
17 a new competition to select the grants and credit assist-
18 ance awarded under this heading: *Provided further*, That
19 the Secretary may retain up to \$20,000,000 of the funds
20 provided under this heading, and may transfer portions
21 of those funds to the Administrators of the Federal High-
22 way Administration, the Federal Transit Administration,
23 the Federal Railroad Administration and the Federal Mar-
24 itime Administration, to fund the award and oversight of

1 grants and credit assistance made under the National In-
2 frastructure Investments program.

3 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CAPITAL

4 For necessary expenses for upgrading and enhancing
5 the Department of Transportation's financial systems and
6 re-engineering business processes, \$5,000,000, to remain
7 available through September 30, 2016.

8 CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVES

9 For necessary expenses for cyber security initiatives,
10 including necessary upgrades to wide area network and
11 information technology infrastructure, improvement of
12 network perimeter controls and identity management,
13 testing and assessment of information technology against
14 business, security, and other requirements, implementa-
15 tion of Federal cyber security initiatives and information
16 infrastructure enhancements, implementation of enhanced
17 security controls on network devices, and enhancement of
18 cyber security workforce training tools, \$5,000,000, to re-
19 main available through September 30, 2016.

20 OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

21 For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,
22 \$9,600,000.

1 MINORITY BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM

2 For the cost of guaranteed loans, \$333,000, as au-
3 thorized by 49 U.S.C. 332: *Provided*, That such costs, in-
4 cluding the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-
5 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of
6 1974: *Provided further*, That these funds are available to
7 subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to be
8 guaranteed, not to exceed \$18,367,000.

9 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
10 the guaranteed loan program, \$592,000.

11 MINORITY BUSINESS OUTREACH

12 For necessary expenses of Minority Business Re-
13 source Center outreach activities, \$3,099,000, to remain
14 available until September 30, 2016: *Provided*, That not-
15 withstanding 49 U.S.C. 332, these funds may be used for
16 business opportunities related to any mode of transpor-
17 tation.

18 PAYMENTS TO AIR CARRIERS

19 (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

20 In addition to funds made available from any other
21 source to carry out the essential air service program under
22 49 U.S.C. 41731 through 41742, \$155,000,000, to be de-
23 rived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to remain
24 available until expended: *Provided*, That in determining
25 between or among carriers competing to provide service

1 to a community, the Secretary may consider the relative
2 subsidy requirements of the carriers: *Provided further*,
3 That basic essential air service minimum requirements
4 shall not include the 15-passenger capacity requirement
5 under subsection 41732(b)(3) of title 49, United States
6 Code: *Provided further*, That none of the funds in this Act
7 or any other Act shall be used to enter into a new contract
8 with a community located less than 40 miles from the
9 nearest small hub airport before the Secretary has nego-
10 tiated with the community over a local cost share.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—OFFICE OF THE
12 SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

13 SEC. 101. None of the funds made available in this
14 Act to the Department of Transportation may be obligated
15 for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to ap-
16 prove assessments or reimbursable agreements pertaining
17 to funds appropriated to the modal administrations in this
18 Act, except for activities underway on the date of enact-
19 ment of this Act, unless such assessments or agreements
20 have completed the normal reprogramming process for
21 Congressional notification.

22 SEC. 102. The Secretary or his designee may engage
23 in activities with States and State legislators to consider
24 proposals related to the reduction of motorcycle fatalities.

1 SEC. 103. Notwithstanding section 3324 of title 31,
2 United States Code, in addition to authority provided by
3 section 327 of title 49, United States Code, the Depart-
4 ment's Working Capital Fund is hereby authorized to pro-
5 vide payments in advance to vendors that are necessary
6 to carry out the Federal transit pass transportation fringe
7 benefit program under Executive Order 13150 and section
8 3049 of Public Law 109-59: *Provided*, That the Depart-
9 ment shall include adequate safeguards in the contract
10 with the vendors to ensure timely and high-quality per-
11 formance under the contract.

12 SEC. 104. The Secretary shall post on the Web site
13 of the Department of Transportation a schedule of all
14 meetings of the Credit Council, including the agenda for
15 each meeting, and require the Credit Council to record the
16 decisions and actions of each meeting.

17 FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

18 OPERATIONS

19 (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

20 For necessary expenses of the Federal Aviation Ad-
21 ministration, not otherwise provided for, including oper-
22 ations and research activities related to commercial space
23 transportation, administrative expenses for research and
24 development, establishment of air navigation facilities, the
25 operation (including leasing) and maintenance of aircraft,

1 subsidizing the cost of aeronautical charts and maps sold
2 to the public, lease or purchase of passenger motor vehi-
3 cles for replacement only, in addition to amounts made
4 available by Public Law 108–176, \$9,750,000,000, of
5 which \$8,595,000,000 shall be derived from the Airport
6 and Airway Trust Fund, of which not to exceed
7 \$7,396,654,000 shall be available for air traffic organiza-
8 tion activities; not to exceed \$1,215,458,000 shall be avail-
9 able for aviation safety activities; not to exceed
10 \$16,605,000 shall be available for commercial space trans-
11 portation activities; not to exceed \$765,047,000 shall be
12 available for finance and management activities; not to ex-
13 ceed \$60,089,000 shall be available for NextGen and oper-
14 ations planning activities; and not to exceed \$296,147,000
15 shall be available for staff offices: *Provided*, That not to
16 exceed 2 percent of any budget activity, except for aviation
17 safety budget activity, may be transferred to any budget
18 activity under this heading: *Provided further*, That no
19 transfer may increase or decrease any appropriation by
20 more than 2 percent: *Provided further*, That any transfer
21 in excess of 2 percent shall be treated as a reprogramming
22 of funds under section 405 of this Act and shall not be
23 available for obligation or expenditure except in compli-
24 ance with the procedures set forth in that section: *Pro-*
25 *vided further*, That not later than March 31 of each fiscal

1 year hereafter, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation
2 Administration shall transmit to Congress an annual up-
3 date to the report submitted to Congress in December
4 2004 pursuant to section 221 of Public Law 108–176:
5 *Provided further*, That the amount herein appropriated
6 shall be reduced by \$100,000 for each day after March
7 31 that such report has not been submitted to the Con-
8 gress: *Provided further*, That not later than March 31 of
9 each fiscal year hereafter, the Administrator shall trans-
10 mit to Congress a companion report that describes a com-
11 prehensive strategy for staffing, hiring, and training flight
12 standards and aircraft certification staff in a format simi-
13 lar to the one utilized for the controller staffing plan, in-
14 cluding stated attrition estimates and numerical hiring
15 goals by fiscal year: *Provided further*, That the amount
16 herein appropriated shall be reduced by \$100,000 per day
17 for each day after March 31 that such report has not been
18 submitted to Congress: *Provided further*, That funds may
19 be used to enter into a grant agreement with a nonprofit
20 standard-setting organization to assist in the development
21 of aviation safety standards: *Provided further*, That none
22 of the funds in this Act shall be available for new appli-
23 cants for the second career training program: *Provided*
24 *further*, That none of the funds in this Act shall be avail-
25 able for the Federal Aviation Administration to finalize

1 or implement any regulation that would promulgate new
2 aviation user fees not specifically authorized by law after
3 the date of the enactment of this Act: *Provided further,*
4 That there may be credited to this appropriation as offset-
5 ting collections funds received from States, counties, mu-
6 nicipalities, foreign authorities, other public authorities,
7 and private sources for expenses incurred in the provision
8 of agency services, including receipts for the maintenance
9 and operation of air navigation facilities, and for issuance,
10 renewal or modification of certificates, including airman,
11 aircraft, and repair station certificates, or for tests related
12 thereto, or for processing major repair or alteration forms:
13 *Provided further,* That of the funds appropriated under
14 this heading, not less than \$149,000,000 shall be for the
15 contract tower program, of which \$10,350,000 is for the
16 contract tower cost share program: *Provided further,* That
17 none of the funds in this Act for aeronautical charting
18 and cartography are available for activities conducted by,
19 or coordinated through, the Working Capital Fund: *Pro-*
20 *vided further,* That none of the funds provided in this Act
21 may be used for the Federal Aviation Administration to
22 issue a job announcement for air traffic control specialists
23 that renders ineligible any applicant who had been in-
24 cluded in the air traffic control specialist applicant inven-

1 tory as of January 15, 2014, and who was born between
2 February 9, 1983 and October 1, 1984.

3 FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

4 (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

5 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
6 for acquisition, establishment, technical support services,
7 improvement by contract or purchase, and hire of national
8 airspace systems and experimental facilities and equip-
9 ment, as authorized under part A of subtitle VII of title
10 49, United States Code, including initial acquisition of
11 necessary sites by lease or grant; engineering and service
12 testing, including construction of test facilities and acqui-
13 sition of necessary sites by lease or grant; construction
14 and furnishing of quarters and related accommodations
15 for officers and employees of the Federal Aviation Admin-
16 istration stationed at remote localities where such accom-
17 modations are not available; and the purchase, lease, or
18 transfer of aircraft from funds available under this head-
19 ing, including aircraft for aviation regulation and certifi-
20 cation; to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust
21 Fund, \$2,473,700,000, of which \$458,000,000 shall re-
22 main available until September 30, 2015, and
23 \$2,015,700,000 shall remain available until September 30,
24 2017: *Provided*, That there may be credited to this appro-
25 priation funds received from States, counties, municipali-

1 ties, other public authorities, and private sources, for ex-
2 penses incurred in the establishment, improvement, and
3 modernization of national airspace systems: *Provided fur-*
4 *ther*, That upon initial submission to the Congress of the
5 fiscal year 2016 President's budget, the Secretary of
6 Transportation shall transmit to the Congress a com-
7 prehensive capital investment plan for the Federal Avia-
8 tion Administration which includes funding for each budg-
9 et line item for fiscal years 2016 through 2020, with total
10 funding for each year of the plan constrained to the fund-
11 ing targets for those years as estimated and approved by
12 the Office of Management and Budget: *Provided further*,
13 That the amount herein appropriated shall be reduced by
14 \$100,000 per day for each day after the initial submission
15 of the fiscal year 2016 President's budget that such report
16 has not been submitted to Congress.

17 RESEARCH, ENGINEERING, AND DEVELOPMENT

18 (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

19 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
20 for research, engineering, and development, as authorized
21 under part A of subtitle VII of title 49, United States
22 Code, including construction of experimental facilities and
23 acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant,
24 \$156,750,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway
25 Trust Fund and to remain available until September 30,

1 2017: *Provided*, That there may be credited to this appro-
 2 priation as offsetting collections, funds received from
 3 States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities,
 4 and private sources, which shall be available for expenses
 5 incurred for research, engineering, and development.

6 GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS

7 (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

8 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

9 (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 (INCLUDING RESCISSION)

12 For liquidation of obligations incurred for grants-in-
 13 aid for airport planning and development, and noise com-
 14 patibility planning and programs as authorized under sub-
 15 chapter I of chapter 471 and subchapter I of chapter 475
 16 of title 49, United States Code, and under other law au-
 17 thorizing such obligations; for procurement, installation,
 18 and commissioning of runway incursion prevention devices
 19 and systems at airports of such title; for grants authorized
 20 under section 41743 of title 49, United States Code; and
 21 for inspection activities and administration of airport safe-
 22 ty programs, including those related to airport operating
 23 certificates under section 44706 of title 49, United States
 24 Code, \$3,200,000,000, to be derived from the Airport and
 25 Airway Trust Fund and to remain available until ex-

1 pended: *Provided*, That none of the funds under this head-
2 ing shall be available for the planning or execution of pro-
3 grams the obligations for which are in excess of
4 \$3,480,000,000 in fiscal year 2015, notwithstanding sec-
5 tion 47117(g) of title 49, United States Code: *Provided*
6 *further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law,
7 of funds made available in the fiscal year ending on Sep-
8 tember 30, 2014, under section 48112 of title 49, United
9 States Code, and limited under this heading,
10 \$130,000,000 shall be obligated for facilities and equip-
11 ment of the Federal Aviation Administration that are lo-
12 cated on airport property, including runway safety areas,
13 runway status lights, landing and navigational lighting
14 systems, and air traffic control tower improvements and
15 replacements: *Provided further*, That the funds limited
16 under this heading shall be deemed reduced by
17 \$130,000,000 for purposes of 47102(6) of Title 49,
18 United States Code: *Provided further*, That none of the
19 funds under this heading shall be available for the replace-
20 ment of baggage conveyor systems, reconfiguration of ter-
21 minal baggage areas, or other airport improvements that
22 are necessary to install bulk explosive detection systems:
23 *Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 47109(a)
24 of title 49, United States Code, the Government's share
25 of allowable project costs under paragraph (2) for sub-

1 grants or paragraph (3) of that section shall be 95 percent
2 for a project at other than a large or medium hub airport
3 that is a successive phase of a multi-phased construction
4 project for which the project sponsor received a grant in
5 fiscal year 2011 for the construction project: *Provided fur-*
6 *ther*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, of
7 funds limited under this heading, not more than
8 \$107,100,000 shall be obligated for administration, not
9 less than \$15,000,000 shall be available for the Airport
10 Cooperative Research Program, not less than \$29,750,000
11 shall be available for Airport Technology Research, and
12 \$8,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
13 available and transferred to “Office of the Secretary, Sala-
14 ries and Expenses” to carry out the Small Community Air
15 Service Development Program.

16 (RESCISSION)

17 Any amounts made available for the fiscal year end-
18 ing September 30, 2015, under section 48112 of title 49,
19 United States Code, are rescinded.

20 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION

21 ADMINISTRATION

22 SEC. 110. None of the funds in this Act may be used
23 to compensate in excess of 600 technical staff-years under
24 the federally funded research and development center con-
25 tract between the Federal Aviation Administration and the

1 Center for Advanced Aviation Systems Development dur-
2 ing fiscal year 2014.

3 SEC. 111. None of the funds in this Act shall be used
4 to pursue or adopt guidelines or regulations requiring air-
5 port sponsors to provide to the Federal Aviation Adminis-
6 tration without cost building construction, maintenance,
7 utilities and expenses, or space in airport sponsor-owned
8 buildings for services relating to air traffic control, air
9 navigation, or weather reporting: *Provided*, That the pro-
10 hibition of funds in this section does not apply to negotia-
11 tions between the agency and airport sponsors to achieve
12 agreement on “below-market” rates for these items or to
13 grant assurances that require airport sponsors to provide
14 land without cost to the FAA for air traffic control facili-
15 ties.

16 SEC. 112. The Administrator of the Federal Aviation
17 Administration may reimburse amounts made available to
18 satisfy 49 U.S.C. 41742(a)(1) from fees credited under
19 49 U.S.C. 45303 and any amount remaining in such ac-
20 count at the close of that fiscal year may be made available
21 to satisfy section 41742(a)(1) for the subsequent fiscal
22 year.

23 SEC. 113. Amounts collected under section 40113(e)
24 of title 49, United States Code, shall be credited to the
25 appropriation current at the time of collection, to be

1 merged with and available for the same purposes of such
2 appropriation.

3 SEC. 114. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-
4 able for paying premium pay under subsection 5546(a) of
5 title 5, United States Code, to any Federal Aviation Ad-
6 ministration employee unless such employee actually per-
7 formed work during the time corresponding to such pre-
8 mium pay.

9 SEC. 115. None of the funds in this Act may be obli-
10 gated or expended for an employee of the Federal Aviation
11 Administration to purchase a store gift card or gift certifi-
12 cate through use of a Government-issued credit card.

13 SEC. 116. The Secretary shall apportion to the spon-
14 sor of an airport that received scheduled or unscheduled
15 air service from a large certified air carrier (as defined
16 in part 241 of title 14 Code of Federal Regulations, or
17 such other regulations as may be issued by the Secretary
18 under the authority of section 41709) an amount equal
19 to the minimum apportionment specified in 49 U.S.C.
20 47114(c), if the Secretary determines that airport had
21 more than 10,000 passenger boardings in the preceding
22 calendar year, based on data submitted to the Secretary
23 under part 241 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.

24 SEC. 117. None of the funds in this Act may be obli-
25 gated or expended for retention bonuses for an employee

1 of the Federal Aviation Administration without the prior
2 written approval of the Assistant Secretary for Adminis-
3 tration of the Department of Transportation.

4 SEC. 118. Subparagraph (D) of section 47124(b)(3)
5 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking
6 “benefit.” and inserting “benefit, with the maximum al-
7 lowable local cost share capped at 20 percent.”.

8 SEC. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of
9 law, none of the funds made available under this Act or
10 any prior Act may be used to implement or to continue
11 to implement any limitation on the ability of any owner
12 or operator of a private aircraft to obtain, upon a request
13 to the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administra-
14 tion, a blocking of that owner’s or operator’s aircraft reg-
15 istration number from any display of the Federal Aviation
16 Administration’s Aircraft Situational Display to Industry
17 data that is made available to the public, except data made
18 available to a Government agency, for the noncommercial
19 flights of that owner or operator.

20 SEC. 119A. None of the funds in this Act shall be
21 available for salaries and expenses of more than 9 political
22 and Presidential appointees in the Federal Aviation Ad-
23 ministration.

24 SEC. 119B. None of the funds made available under
25 this Act may be used to increase fees pursuant to section

1 44721 of title 49, United States Code, until the FAA pro-
2 vides to the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-
3 tions a report that justifies all fees related to aeronautical
4 navigation products and explains how such fees are con-
5 sistent with Executive Order 13642.

6 SEC. 119C. None of the funds appropriated or limited
7 by this Act may be used to change weight restrictions or
8 prior permission rules at Teterboro airport in Teterboro,
9 New Jersey.

10 SEC. 119D. None of the funds in this Act may be
11 used to close a regional operations center of the Federal
12 Aviation Administration or reduce its services unless the
13 Administrator notifies the House and Senate Committees
14 on Appropriations not less than 90 full business days in
15 advance.

16 SEC. 119E. Section 916 of Public Law 112–95 is
17 amended by striking “Advanced Materials in Transport
18 Aircraft” and inserting “Joint Advanced Materials and
19 Structures”.

20 SEC. 119F. Subsection 47109(e)(2) of title 49,
21 United States Code, is amended by adding before the pe-
22 riod “, except that at a non-hub airport located in a State
23 as set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection that is
24 within 15 miles of another State as set forth in paragraph
25 (1) of this subsection, the Government’s share shall be an

1 average of the Government share applicable to any project
2 in each of the States”.

3 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

4 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

5 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 Not to exceed \$426,100,000, together with advances
8 and reimbursements received by the Federal Highway Ad-
9 ministration, shall be obligated for necessary expenses for
10 administration and operation of the Federal Highway Ad-
11 ministration. In addition, not to exceed \$3,248,000 shall
12 be transferred to the Appalachian Regional Commission
13 in accordance with section 104 of title 23, United States
14 Code.

15 FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS

16 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

17 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

18 Funds available for the implementation or execution
19 of programs of Federal-aid Highways and highway safety
20 construction programs authorized under titles 23 and 49,
21 United States Code, and the provisions of Public Law
22 112–141 shall not exceed total obligations of
23 \$40,256,000,000 for fiscal year 2015: *Provided*, That the
24 Secretary may collect and spend fees, as authorized by
25 title 23, United States Code, to cover the costs of services

1 of expert firms, including counsel, in the field of municipal
 2 and project finance to assist in the underwriting and serv-
 3 icing of Federal credit instruments and all or a portion
 4 of the costs to the Federal Government of servicing such
 5 credit instruments: *Provided further*, That such fees are
 6 available until expended to pay for such costs: *Provided*
 7 *further*, That such amounts are in addition to administra-
 8 tive expenses that are also available for such purpose, and
 9 are not subject to any obligation limitation or the limita-
 10 tion on administrative expenses under section 608 of title
 11 23, United States Code.

12 (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

13 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

14 For the payment of obligations incurred in carrying
 15 out Federal-aid Highways and highway safety construc-
 16 tion programs authorized under title 23, United States
 17 Code, \$40,995,000,000 derived from the Highway Trust
 18 Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), to remain
 19 available until expended.

20 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL HIGHWAY

21 ADMINISTRATION

22 SEC. 120. (a) For fiscal year 2015, the Secretary of
 23 Transportation shall—

24 (1) not distribute from the obligation limitation
 25 for Federal-aid Highways—

1 (A) amounts authorized for administrative
2 expenses and programs by section 104(a) of
3 title 23, United States Code; and

4 (B) amounts authorized for the Bureau of
5 Transportation Statistics;

6 (2) not distribute an amount from the obliga-
7 tion limitation for Federal-aid Highways that is
8 equal to the unobligated balance of amounts—

9 (A) made available from the Highway
10 Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Ac-
11 count) for Federal-aid Highways and highway
12 safety construction programs for previous fiscal
13 years the funds for which are allocated by the
14 Secretary (or apportioned by the Secretary
15 under sections 202 or 204 of title 23, United
16 States Code); and

17 (B) for which obligation limitation was
18 provided in a previous fiscal year;

19 (3) determine the proportion that—

20 (A) the obligation limitation for Federal-
21 aid Highways, less the aggregate of amounts
22 not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) of
23 this subsection; bears to

24 (B) the total of the sums authorized to be
25 appropriated for the Federal-aid Highways and

1 highway safety construction programs (other
2 than sums authorized to be appropriated for
3 provisions of law described in paragraphs (1)
4 through (12) of subsection (b) and sums au-
5 thorized to be appropriated for section 119 of
6 title 23, United States Code, equal to the
7 amount referred to in subsection (b)(13) for
8 such fiscal year), less the aggregate of the
9 amounts not distributed under paragraphs (1)
10 and (2) of this subsection;

11 (4) distribute the obligation limitation for Fed-
12 eral-aid Highways, less the aggregate amounts not
13 distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2), for each
14 of the programs (other than programs to which
15 paragraph (1) applies) that are allocated by the Sec-
16 retary under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the
17 21st Century Act and title 23, United States Code,
18 or apportioned by the Secretary under sections 202
19 or 204 of that title, by multiplying—

20 (A) the proportion determined under para-
21 graph (3); by

22 (B) the amounts authorized to be appro-
23 priated for each such program for such fiscal
24 year; and

1 (5) distribute the obligation limitation for Fed-
2 eral-aid Highways, less the aggregate amounts not
3 distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) and the
4 amounts distributed under paragraph (4), for Fed-
5 eral-aid Highways and highway safety construction
6 programs that are apportioned by the Secretary
7 under title 23, United States Code (other than the
8 amounts apportioned for the National Highway Per-
9 formance Program in section 119 of title 23, United
10 States Code, that are exempt from the limitation
11 under subsection (b)(13) and the amounts appor-
12 tioned under sections 202 and 204 of that title) in
13 the proportion that—

14 (A) amounts authorized to be appropriated
15 for the programs that are apportioned under
16 title 23, United States Code, to each State for
17 such fiscal year; bears to

18 (B) the total of the amounts authorized to
19 be appropriated for the programs that are ap-
20 portioned under title 23, United States Code, to
21 all States for such fiscal year.

22 (b) EXCEPTIONS FROM OBLIGATION LIMITATION.—
23 The obligation limitation for Federal-aid Highways shall
24 not apply to obligations under or for—

25 (1) section 125 of title 23, United States Code;

1 (2) section 147 of the Surface Transportation
2 Assistance Act of 1978 (23 U.S.C. 144 note; 92
3 Stat. 2714);

4 (3) section 9 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act
5 of 1981 (95 Stat. 1701);

6 (4) subsections (b) and (j) of section 131 of the
7 Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (96
8 Stat. 2119);

9 (5) subsections (b) and (c) of section 149 of the
10 Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation As-
11 sistance Act of 1987 (101 Stat. 198);

12 (6) sections 1103 through 1108 of the Inter-
13 modal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of
14 1991 (105 Stat. 2027);

15 (7) section 157 of title 23, United States Code
16 (as in effect on June 8, 1998);

17 (8) section 105 of title 23, United States Code
18 (as in effect for fiscal years 1998 through 2004, but
19 only in an amount equal to \$639,000,000 for each
20 of those fiscal years);

21 (9) Federal-aid Highways programs for which
22 obligation authority was made available under the
23 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century
24 (112 Stat. 107) or subsequent Acts for multiple
25 years or to remain available until expended, but only

1 to the extent that the obligation authority has not
2 lapsed or been used;

3 (10) section 105 of title 23, United States Code
4 (as in effect for fiscal years 2005 through 2012, but
5 only in an amount equal to \$639,000,000 for each
6 of those fiscal years);

7 (11) section 1603 of SAFETEA-LU (23
8 U.S.C. 118 note; 119 Stat. 1248), to the extent that
9 funds obligated in accordance with that section were
10 not subject to a limitation on obligations at the time
11 at which the funds were initially made available for
12 obligation; and

13 (12) section 119 of title 23, United States Code
14 (as in effect for fiscal years 2013 and 2014, but only
15 in an amount equal to \$639,000,000 for each of
16 those fiscal years); and

17 (13) section 119 of title 12, United States Code
18 (but, for fiscal year 2015, only in an amount equal
19 to \$639,000,000).

20 (c) REDISTRIBUTION OF UNUSED OBLIGATION AU-
21 THORITY.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretary
22 shall, after August 1 of such fiscal year—

23 (1) revise a distribution of the obligation limita-
24 tion made available under subsection (a) if an

1 amount distributed cannot be obligated during that
2 fiscal year; and

3 (2) redistribute sufficient amounts to those
4 States able to obligate amounts in addition to those
5 previously distributed during that fiscal year, giving
6 priority to those States having large unobligated bal-
7 ances of funds apportioned under sections 144 (as in
8 effect on the day before the date of enactment of
9 Public Law 112–141) and 104 of title 23, United
10 States Code.

11 (d) APPLICABILITY OF OBLIGATION LIMITATIONS TO
12 TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PROGRAMS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
14 graph (2), the obligation limitation for Federal-aid
15 Highways shall apply to contract authority for trans-
16 portation research programs carried out under—

17 (A) chapter 5 of title 23, United States
18 Code; and

19 (B) division E of the Moving Ahead for
20 Progress in the 21st Century Act.

21 (2) EXCEPTION.—Obligation authority made
22 available under paragraph (1) shall—

23 (A) remain available for a period of 4 fis-
24 cal years; and

1 (B) be in addition to the amount of any
2 limitation imposed on obligations for Federal-
3 aid Highways and highway safety construction
4 programs for future fiscal years.

5 (e) REDISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN AUTHORIZED
6 FUNDS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
8 the date of distribution of obligation limitation
9 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall distribute
10 to the States any funds (excluding funds authorized
11 for the program under section 202 of title 23,
12 United States Code) that—

13 (A) are authorized to be appropriated for
14 such fiscal year for Federal-aid Highways pro-
15 grams; and

16 (B) the Secretary determines will not be
17 allocated to the States (or will not be appor-
18 tioned to the States under section 204 of title
19 23, United States Code), and will not be avail-
20 able for obligation, for such fiscal year because
21 of the imposition of any obligation limitation for
22 such fiscal year.

23 (2) RATIO.—Funds shall be distributed under
24 paragraph (1) in the same proportion as the dis-

1 tribution of obligation authority under subsection
2 (a)(5).

3 (3) AVAILABILITY.—Funds distributed to each
4 State under paragraph (1) shall be available for any
5 purpose described in section 133(b) of title 23,
6 United States Code.

7 SEC. 121. Notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, funds re-
8 ceived by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics from the
9 sale of data products, for necessary expenses incurred pur-
10 suant to chapter 63 of title 49, United States Code, may
11 be credited to the Federal-aid Highways account for the
12 purpose of reimbursing the Bureau for such expenses:
13 *Provided*, That such funds shall be subject to the obliga-
14 tion limitation for Federal-aid Highways and highway
15 safety construction programs.

16 SEC. 122. Not less than 15 days prior to waiving,
17 under his statutory authority, any Buy America require-
18 ment for Federal-aid Highways projects, the Secretary of
19 Transportation shall make an informal public notice and
20 comment opportunity on the intent to issue such waiver
21 and the reasons therefor: *Provided*, That the Secretary
22 shall provide an annual report to the House and Senate
23 Committees on Appropriations on any waivers granted
24 under the Buy America requirements.

1 SEC. 123. None of the funds in this Act to the De-
2 partment of Transportation may be used to provide credit
3 assistance unless not less than 3 days before any applica-
4 tion approval to provide credit assistance under sections
5 603 and 604 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary
6 of Transportation provides notification in writing to the
7 following committees: the House and Senate Committees
8 on Appropriations; the Committee on Environment and
9 Public Works and the Committee on Banking, Housing
10 and Urban Affairs of the Senate; and the Committee on
11 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives: *Provided*, That such notification shall in-
13 clude, but not be limited to, the name of the project spon-
14 sor; a description of the project; whether credit assistance
15 will be provided as a direct loan, loan guarantee, or line
16 of credit; and the amount of credit assistance.

17 SEC. 124. From the unobligated balances of funds
18 apportioned among the States prior to October 1, 2012,
19 under sections 104(b) of title 23, United States Code (as
20 in effect on the day before the date of enactment of Public
21 Law 112–141), the amount of \$22,100,000 shall be made
22 available in fiscal year 2015 for the administrative ex-
23 penses of the Federal Highway Administration: *Provided*,
24 That this provision shall not apply to funds distributed
25 in accordance with section 104(b)(5) of title 23, United

1 States Code (as in effect on the day before the date of
2 enactment of Public Law 112–141); section 133(d)(1) of
3 such title (as in effect on the day before the date of enact-
4 ment of Public Law 109–59); and the first sentence of
5 section 133(d)(3)(A) of such title (as in effect on the day
6 before the date of enactment of Public Law 112–141):
7 *Provided further*, That such amount shall be derived on
8 a proportional basis from the unobligated balances of ap-
9 portioned funds to which this provision applies: *Provided*
10 *further*, That the amount made available by this provision
11 in fiscal year 2015 for the administrative expenses of the
12 Federal Highway Administration shall be in addition to
13 the amount made available in fiscal year 2015 for such
14 purposes under section 104(a) of title 23, United States
15 Code.

16 FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

17 MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS

18 (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

19 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

20 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

21 For payment of obligations incurred in the implemen-
22 tation, execution and administration of motor carrier safe-
23 ty operations and programs pursuant to section 31104(i)
24 of title 49, United States Code, and sections 4127 and
25 4134 of Public Law 109–59, as amended by Public Law

1 112–141, \$271,000,000, to be derived from the Highway
2 Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), to-
3 gether with advances and reimbursements received by the
4 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the sum of
5 which shall remain available until expended: *Provided*,
6 That funds available for implementation, execution or ad-
7 ministration of motor carrier safety operations and pro-
8 grams authorized under title 49, United States Code, shall
9 not exceed total obligations of \$271,000,000 for “Motor
10 Carrier Safety Operations and Programs” for fiscal year
11 2015, of which \$9,000,000, to remain available for obliga-
12 tion until September 30, 2017, is for the research and
13 technology program, and of which \$34,545,000, to remain
14 available for obligation until September 30, 2017, is for
15 information management: *Provided further*, That
16 \$2,300,000 shall be made available for commercial motor
17 vehicle operator’s grants to carry out section 4134 of Pub-
18 lic Law 109–59, as amended by Public Law 112–141, of
19 which \$1,300,000 is to be made available from prior year
20 unobligated contract authority provided in Public Law
21 112–141, or other appropriations or authorization acts:
22 *Provided further*, That of unobligated contract authority
23 provided in Public Law 112–141, or other appropriations
24 or authorization acts for “Motor Carrier Safety Oper-
25 ations and Programs”, \$1,500,000 shall be made available

1 for enforcement and investigation activities related to the
 2 safe transportation of energy products, \$5,200,000 shall
 3 be made available to augment funding to address informa-
 4 tion management and technology needs related to the
 5 monitoring of high-risk carriers and carriers operating
 6 under consent agreements, and \$4,000,000 shall be made
 7 available to administer the study required under section
 8 133 of this Act, to remain available for obligation until
 9 September 30, 2017: *Provided further*, That the Federal
 10 Motor Carrier Safety Administration shall transmit to
 11 Congress a report by March 27, 2015, on the agency's
 12 ability to meet its requirement to conduct compliance re-
 13 views on mandatory carriers: *Provided further*, That the
 14 Secretary shall complete final regulatory action on the im-
 15 plementation of 49 United States Code 31137 no later
 16 than January 30, 2015: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
 17 retary shall initiate action on the Safety Fitness Deter-
 18 mination rule no later than December, 31, 2013.

19 NATIONAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY

20 (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

21 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

22 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

23 Of the unobligated contract authority provided in the
 24 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Public
 25 Law 105–178) or other appropriation or authorization

1 acts for the national motor carrier safety program,
 2 \$8,300,000 shall be made available to augment funding
 3 to execute the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administra-
 4 tion’s Capital Improvement Plan for border facilities and
 5 field offices, including physical information technology in-
 6 frastructure: *Provided*, That such funds as necessary for
 7 payment of obligations incurred in carrying out this sec-
 8 tion shall be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other
 9 than the Mass Transit Account) and total limitations of
 10 these obligations shall not exceed \$8,300,000.

11 MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY GRANTS

12 (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

13 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

14 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

15 For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out
 16 sections 31102, 31104(a), 31106, 31107, 31109, 31309,
 17 31313 of title 49, United States Code, and sections 4126
 18 and 4128 of Public Law 109–59, as amended by Public
 19 Law 112–141, \$313,000,000, to be derived from the
 20 Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Ac-
 21 count) and to remain available until expended: *Provided*,
 22 That funds available for the implementation or execution
 23 of motor carrier safety programs shall not exceed total ob-
 24 ligations of \$313,000,000 in fiscal year 2015 for “Motor
 25 Carrier Safety Grants”; of which \$218,000,000 shall be

1 available for the motor carrier safety assistance program,
2 \$30,000,000 shall be available for commercial driver's li-
3 cense program improvement grants, \$32,000,000 shall be
4 available for border enforcement grants, \$5,000,000 shall
5 be available for performance and registration information
6 system management grants, \$25,000,000 shall be avail-
7 able for the commercial vehicle information systems and
8 networks deployment program, and \$1,000,000 shall be
9 available for safety data improvement grants: *Provided*
10 *further*, That, of the funds made available herein for the
11 motor carrier safety assistance program, \$32,000,000
12 shall be available for audits of new entrant motor carriers.

13 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION—FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER
14 SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

15 SEC. 130. Funds appropriated or limited in this Act
16 shall be subject to the terms and conditions stipulated in
17 section 350 of Public Law 107–87 and section 6901 of
18 Public Law 110–28.

19 SEC. 131. None of the funds limited or otherwise
20 made available under the heading “Motor Carrier Safety
21 Operations and Programs” may be used to deny an appli-
22 cation to renew a Hazardous Materials Safety Program
23 permit for a motor carrier based solely on that carrier's
24 Hazardous Materials Out-of-Service rate, unless the car-
25 rier has the opportunity to submit a written description

1 of corrective actions taken, and other documentation the
2 carrier wishes the Secretary to consider, including submit-
3 ting a corrective action plan, and the Secretary determines
4 the actions or plan is insufficient to address the safety
5 concerns that resulted in that Hazardous Materials Out-
6 of-Service rate.

7 SEC. 132. None of the funds limited or otherwise
8 made available under this Act shall be used by the Sec-
9 retary to enforce any regulation prohibiting a State from
10 issuing a commercial learner's permit to individuals under
11 the age of eighteen if the State had a law authorizing the
12 issuance of commercial learners permits to individuals
13 under eighteen years of age as of May 9, 2011.

14 SEC. 133. (a) TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF EN-
15 FORCEMENT.—None of the funds appropriated or other-
16 wise made available by this Act or any other Act shall
17 be used to enforce sections 395.3(e) and 395.3(d) of title
18 49, Code of Federal Regulations, and such sections shall
19 have no force or effect from the date of enactment of this
20 Act until the later of September 30, 2015, or upon submis-
21 sion of the final report issued by the Secretary under this
22 section. The restart provisions in effect on June 30, 2013,
23 shall be in effect during this period.

24 (b) PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.—As soon as possible
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of Transportation shall publish a Notice in the Federal
2 Register and on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Admin-
3 istration website announcing that the provisions in the
4 rule referred to in subsection (a) shall have no force or
5 effect from the date of enactment of this Act through Sep-
6 tember 30, 2015, and the restart rule in effect on June
7 30, 2013, shall immediately be in effect.

8 (c) COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE (CMV) DRIVER
9 RESTART STUDY.—Within 90 days of enactment of this
10 Act, the Secretary shall initiate a naturalistic study of the
11 operational, safety, health and fatigue impacts of the re-
12 start provisions in sections 395.3(c) and 395.3(d) of title
13 49, Code of Federal Regulations, on commercial motor ve-
14 hicle drivers. The study required under this subsection
15 shall—

16 (1) compare the work schedules and assess op-
17 erator fatigue between the following two groups of
18 commercial motor vehicle drivers, each large enough
19 to produce statistically significant results:

20 (A) commercial motor vehicle drivers who
21 operate under such provisions, in effect between
22 July 1, 2013, and the day before the date of
23 enactment of this Act, and

1 (B) commercial motor vehicle drivers who
2 operate under the provisions as in effect on
3 June 30, 2013.

4 (2) compare, at a minimum, the 5-month work
5 schedules and assess safety critical events (crashes,
6 near crashes and crash-relevant conflicts) and oper-
7 ator fatigue between the following two groups of
8 commercial motor vehicle drivers, from a statistically
9 significant sample of drivers comprised of fleets of
10 all sizes, including long-haul, regional and short-haul
11 operations in various sectors of the industry, includ-
12 ing flat-bed, refrigerated, tank, and dry-van, to the
13 extent practicable;

14 (3) assess drivers' safety critical events, fatigue
15 and levels of alertness and driver health outcomes by
16 using both electronic and captured record of duty
17 status, including the Psychomotor Vigilance Test
18 (PVT), e-logging data, actigraph watches and cam-
19 eras or other on-board monitoring systems that
20 record or measure safety critical events and driver
21 alertness;

22 (4) utilize data from electronic logging devices,
23 consistent to the extent practicable, with the antici-
24 pated requirements for such devices in section
25 31137(b) of title 49, United States Code, from

1 motor carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehi-
2 cles, notwithstanding any limitation on the use of
3 such data under section 31137(e) of title 49, United
4 States Code; and

5 (5) include the development of an initial study
6 plan and final report, each of which shall be subject
7 to an independent peer review panel of individuals
8 with relevant medical and scientific expertise.

9 (d) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF
10 INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW.—Prior to the study re-
11 quired under this subsection commencing, the Secretary
12 shall submit a plan outlining the scope and methodology
13 for the study to the Department of Transportation Inspec-
14 tor General within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

15 (1) Within 30 days of receiving the plan, the
16 Office of Inspector General shall review and com-
17 ment on the plan, including whether it includes—

18 (A) a sufficient number of drivers partici-
19 pating to produce statistically significant results
20 and consistent with subsection (c)(2);

21 (B) an assessment of whether the tech-
22 nologies being used to assess the operational,
23 safety and fatigue components of the study are
24 reliable and will produce consistent and valid
25 results;

1 (C) appropriate performance measures to
2 properly evaluate the study outcomes; and

3 (D) assess the selection of the independent
4 review panel under subsection (c)(5).

5 (2) The Office of Inspector General shall report
6 its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the
7 Secretary and to the House and Senate Committees
8 on Appropriations within 30 days of receipt of the
9 plan.

10 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary
11 shall submit a final report on the findings and conclusions
12 of the study and the Department’s recommendations on
13 whether the provisions in effect on July 1, 2013, provide
14 a greater net benefit for the operational, safety, health and
15 fatigue impacts of the restart provisions to the Inspector
16 General within 210 days of receiving the Office of the In-
17 spector General report required in subsection (d)(2).

18 (1) Within 60 days of receipt of the Secretary’s
19 findings and recommendations in subsection (e), the
20 Inspector General shall report to the Secretary and
21 the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-
22 tions on the study’s compliance with the require-
23 ments outlined under subsection (e).

24 (2) Upon submission of the Office of the In-
25 spector General report in paragraph (1), the Sec-

1 OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH
2 (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)
3 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)
4 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

5 For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out
6 the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 403, and chapter 303 of title
7 49, United States Code, \$138,500,000, to be derived from
8 the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit
9 Account) and to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
10 *vided*, That none of the funds in this Act shall be available
11 for the planning or execution of programs the total obliga-
12 tions for which, in fiscal year 2015, are in excess of
13 \$138,500,000, of which \$133,500,000 shall be for pro-
14 grams authorized under 23 U.S.C. 403 and \$5,000,000
15 shall be for the National Driver Register authorized under
16 chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code: *Provided fur-*
17 *ther*, That within the \$133,500,000 obligation limitation
18 for operations and research, \$20,000,000 shall remain
19 available until September 30, 2016, and shall be in addi-
20 tion to the amount of any limitation imposed on obliga-
21 tions for future years: *Provided further*, That \$20,000,000
22 of the total obligation limitation for operations and re-
23 search in fiscal year 2015 shall be applied toward unobli-
24 gated balances of contract authority provided in prior Acts

1 for carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 403, and
2 chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code.

3 HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS

4 (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

5 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

6 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

7 For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out
8 provisions of 23 U.S.C. 402 and 405, section 2009 of Pub-
9 lic Law 109–59, as amended by Public Law 112–141, and
10 section 31101(a)(6) of Public Law 112–141, to remain
11 available until expended, \$561,500,000, to be derived from
12 the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit
13 Account): *Provided*, That none of the funds in this Act
14 shall be available for the planning or execution of pro-
15 grams the total obligations for which, in fiscal year 2015,
16 are in excess of \$561,500,000 for programs authorized
17 under 23 U.S.C. 402 and 405, section 2009 of Public Law
18 109–59, as amended by Public Law 112–141, and section
19 31101(a)(6) of Public Law 112–141, of which
20 \$235,000,000 shall be for “Highway Safety Programs”
21 under 23 U.S.C. 402; \$272,000,000 shall be for “National
22 Priority Safety Programs” under 23 U.S.C. 405;
23 \$29,000,000 shall be for “High Visibility Enforcement
24 Program” under section 2009 of Public Law 109–59, as
25 amended by Public Law 112–141; \$25,500,000 shall be

1 for “Administrative Expenses” under section 31101(a)(6)
 2 of Public Law 112–141: *Provided further*, That none of
 3 these funds shall be used for construction, rehabilitation,
 4 or remodeling costs, or for office furnishings and fixtures
 5 for State, local or private buildings or structures: *Provided*
 6 *further*, That not to exceed \$500,000 of the funds made
 7 available for “National Priority Safety Programs” under
 8 23 U.S.C. 405 for “Impaired Driving Countermeasures”
 9 (as described in subsection (d) of that section) shall be
 10 available for technical assistance to the States: *Provided*
 11 *further*, That with respect to the “Transfers” provision
 12 under 23 U.S.C. 405(a)(1)(G), any amounts transferred
 13 to increase the amounts made available under section 402
 14 shall include the obligation authority for such amounts:
 15 *Provided further*, That the Administrator shall notify the
 16 House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of any
 17 exercise of the authority granted under the previous pro-
 18 viso or under 23 U.S.C. 405(a)(1)(G) within 60 days.

19 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—NATIONAL HIGHWAY

20 TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

21 SEC. 140. An additional \$130,000 shall be made
 22 available to the National Highway Traffic Safety Adminis-
 23 tration, out of the amount limited for section 402 of title
 24 23, United States Code, to pay for travel and related ex-
 25 penses for State management reviews and to pay for core

1 competency development training and related expenses for
2 highway safety staff.

3 SEC. 141. The limitations on obligations for the pro-
4 grams of the National Highway Traffic Safety Adminis-
5 tration set in this Act shall not apply to obligations for
6 which obligation authority was made available in previous
7 public laws but only to the extent that the obligation au-
8 thority has not lapsed or been used.

9 SEC. 142. None of the funds in this Act shall be used
10 to implement section 404 of title 23, United States Code.

11 FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

12 SAFETY AND OPERATIONS

13 For necessary expenses of the Federal Railroad Ad-
14 ministration, not otherwise provided for, \$191,250,000, of
15 which \$15,400,000 shall remain available until expended.

16 RAILROAD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

17 For necessary expenses for railroad research and de-
18 velopment, \$40,730,000, to remain available until ex-
19 pended.

20 RAILROAD REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT

21 FINANCING PROGRAM

22 The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to
23 issue direct loans and loan guarantees pursuant to sec-
24 tions 501 through 504 of the Railroad Revitalization and
25 Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (Public Law 94–210), as

1 amended, such authority to exist as long as any such di-
2 rect loan or loan guarantee is outstanding: *Provided*, That,
3 pursuant to section 502 of such Act, as amended, no new
4 direct loans or loan guarantee commitments shall be made
5 using Federal funds for the credit risk premium during
6 fiscal year 2015.

7 GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER

8 CORPORATION

9 To enable the Secretary of Transportation to make
10 grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation as
11 authorized by the Passenger Rail Investment and Im-
12 provement Act of 2008 (division B of Public Law 110-
13 432, hereafter referred to as “such law” for purposes of
14 this heading), \$1,390,000,000, to remain available until
15 expended: *Provided*, That of the amounts available under
16 this heading, up to \$149,000,000 shall be for debt service
17 obligations, up to \$350,000,000 shall be for the operation
18 of intercity passenger rail, and not less than \$50,000,000
19 shall be made available to bring Amtrak served facilities
20 and stations into compliance with the Americans with Dis-
21 abilities Act: *Provided further*, That after an initial dis-
22 tribution of up to \$200,000,000, which shall be used by
23 Amtrak as a working capital account, all remaining capital
24 and debt service funds shall be provided only on a reim-
25 bursable basis: *Provided further*, That funding for the op-

1 eration of intercity passenger rail, as authorized by section
2 101 of such law, shall be distributed no more frequently
3 than quarterly: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may
4 retain up to one-half of 1 percent of the funds provided
5 under this heading to fund the costs of project manage-
6 ment and oversight of activities authorized by subsections
7 101(a) and 101(c) of such law: *Provided further*, That in
8 addition to the project management oversight funds au-
9 thorized under section 101(d) of such law, the Secretary
10 may retain up to an additional one-half of 1 percent of
11 the funds provided under this heading to fund expenses
12 associated with section 24905 of title 49, United States
13 Code: *Provided further*, That not later than 60 days after
14 the date of enactment of this Act, the Corporation shall
15 transmit, in electronic format, to the House and Senate
16 Committees on Appropriations a business plan and 5-year
17 Financial Plan for fiscal year 2015 as required under sec-
18 tion 204 of such law.

19 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL RAILROAD

20 ADMINISTRATION

21 SEC. 150. Hereafter, notwithstanding any other pro-
22 vision of law, funds provided in this Act for the National
23 Railroad Passenger Corporation shall immediately cease
24 to be available to said Corporation in the event that the
25 Corporation contracts to have services provided at or from

1 any location outside the United States. For purposes of
2 this section, the word “services” shall mean any service
3 that was, as of July 1, 2006, performed by a full-time
4 or part-time Amtrak employee whose base of employment
5 is located within the United States.

6 SEC. 151. The Secretary of Transportation may re-
7 ceive and expend cash, or receive and utilize spare parts
8 and similar items, from non-United States Government
9 sources to repair damages to or replace United States
10 Government owned automated track inspection cars and
11 equipment as a result of third-party liability for such dam-
12 ages, and any amounts collected under this section shall
13 be credited directly to the Safety and Operations account
14 of the Federal Railroad Administration, and shall remain
15 available until expended for the repair, operation and
16 maintenance of automated track inspection cars and
17 equipment in connection with the automated track inspec-
18 tion program.

19 SEC. 152. The amounts available to the National
20 Railroad Passenger Corporation for the operation of inter-
21 city passenger rail shall be available for distribution by
22 the Secretary only after receiving and reviewing a grant
23 request for each specific train route accompanied by a de-
24 tailed financial analysis, revenue projection, and capital

1 asset plan justifying the Federal support to the Sec-
2 retary's satisfaction.

3 SEC. 153. None of the funds provided to the National
4 Railroad Passenger Corporation may be used to fund any
5 overtime costs in excess of \$35,000 for any individual em-
6 ployee: *Provided*, That the president of Amtrak may waiv-
7 er the cap set in the previous proviso for specific employ-
8 ees when the president of Amtrak determines such a cap
9 poses a risk to the safety and operational efficiency of the
10 system: *Provided further*, That Amtrak shall notify the
11 House and Senate Committee on Appropriations within 30
12 days of waiving such cap and delineate the reasons for
13 such waiver.

14 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

15 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

16 For necessary administrative expenses of the Federal
17 Transit Administration's programs authorized by chapter
18 53 of title 49, United States Code, \$110,500,000, of which
19 not less than \$7,000,000 shall be available to carry out
20 the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5329: *Provided*, That none of
21 the funds provided or limited in this Act may be used to
22 create a permanent office of transit security under this
23 heading: *Provided further*, That upon submission to the
24 Congress of the fiscal year 2016 President's budget, the
25 Secretary of Transportation shall transmit to Congress

1 the annual report on New Starts, including proposed allo-
2 cations for fiscal year 2016.

3 TRANSIT FORMULA GRANTS

4 (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

5 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

6 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

7 For payment of obligations incurred in the Federal
8 Public Transportation Assistance Program in this ac-
9 count, and for payment of obligations incurred in carrying
10 out the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5305, 5307, 5310, 5311,
11 5318, 5322(d), 5329(e)(6), 5335, 5337, 5339, and 5340,
12 as amended by Public Law 112–141; and section
13 20005(b) of Public Law 112–141, \$9,500,000,000, to be
14 derived from the Mass Transit Account of the Highway
15 Trust Fund and to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
16 *vided*, That funds available for the implementation or exe-
17 cution of programs authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5305,
18 5307, 5310, 5311, 5318, 5322(d), 5329(e)(6), 5335,
19 5337, 5339, and 5340, as amended by Public Law 112–
20 141, and section 20005(b) of Public Law 112–141, shall
21 not exceed total obligations of \$8,595,000,000 in fiscal
22 year 2015.

23 TRANSIT RESEARCH

24 For necessary expenses to carry out 49 U.S.C. 5312
25 and 5313, \$33,000,000, to remain available until ex-

1 pended: *Provided*, That \$30,000,000 shall be for activities
2 authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5312 and \$3,000,000 shall
3 be for activities authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5313.

4 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING

5 For necessary expenses to carry out 49 U.S.C. 5314
6 and 5322(a), (b) and (e), \$5,500,000, to remain available
7 until expended: *Provided*, That \$5,000,000 shall be for ac-
8 tivities authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5314 and \$500,000
9 shall be for activities authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5322(a),
10 (b) and (e).

11 CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS

12 For necessary expenses to carry out 49 U.S.C. 5309,
13 \$2,161,000,000, to remain available until expended.

14 GRANTS TO THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA

15 TRANSIT AUTHORITY

16 For grants to the Washington Metropolitan Area
17 Transit Authority as authorized under section 601 of divi-
18 sion B of Public Law 110–432, \$150,000,000, to remain
19 available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary
20 shall approve grants for capital and preventive mainte-
21 nance expenditures for the Washington Metropolitan Area
22 Transit Authority only after receiving and reviewing a re-
23 quest for each specific project: *Provided further*, That
24 prior to approving such grants, the Secretary shall certify
25 that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

1 is making significant progress in eliminating the material
2 weaknesses, significant deficiencies, and minor control de-
3 ficiencies identified in the most recent Financial Manage-
4 ment Oversight Review: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
5 retary shall determine that the Washington Metropolitan
6 Area Transit Authority has placed the highest priority on
7 those investments that will improve the safety of the sys-
8 tem before approving such grants: *Provided further*, That
9 the Secretary, in order to ensure safety throughout the
10 rail system, may waive the requirements of section
11 601(e)(1) of title VI of Public Law 110–432 (112 Stat.
12 4968).

13 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL TRANSIT

14 ADMINISTRATION

15 SEC. 160. The limitations on obligations for the pro-
16 grams of the Federal Transit Administration shall not
17 apply to any authority under 49 U.S.C. 5338, previously
18 made available for obligation, or to any other authority
19 previously made available for obligation.

20 SEC. 161. Notwithstanding any other provision of
21 law, funds appropriated or limited by this Act under the
22 Federal Transit Administration’s discretionary program
23 appropriations headings for projects specified in this Act
24 or identified in reports accompanying this Act not obli-
25 gated by September 30, 2019, and other recoveries, shall

1 be directed to projects eligible to use the funds for the
2 purposes for which they were originally provided.

3 SEC. 162. Notwithstanding any other provision of
4 law, any funds appropriated before October 1, 2014, under
5 any section of chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code,
6 that remain available for expenditure, may be transferred
7 to and administered under the most recent appropriation
8 heading for any such section.

9 SEC. 163. Hereafter, the Secretary may not enforce
10 regulations related to charter bus service under part 604
11 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, for any transit
12 agency that during fiscal year 2008 was both initially
13 granted a 60-day period to come into compliance with part
14 604, and then was subsequently granted an exception from
15 said part.

16 SEC. 164. For purposes of applying the project jus-
17 tification and local financial commitment criteria of 49
18 U.S.C. 5309(d) to a New Starts project, the Secretary
19 may consider the costs and ridership of any connected
20 project in an instance in which private parties are making
21 significant financial contributions to the construction of
22 the connected project; additionally, the Secretary may con-
23 sider the significant financial contributions of private par-
24 ties to the connected project in calculating the non-Federal

1 share of net capital project costs for the New Starts
2 project.

3 SEC. 165. In developing guidance implementing 49
4 U.S.C. 5309(i) Program of Interrelated Projects, the Sec-
5 retary shall consider projects eligible under section
6 5309(h) Small Starts Projects, including streetcars.

7 SEC. 166. New bus rapid transit projects rec-
8 ommended in the President's budget submission to the
9 Congress of the United States for funds appropriated
10 under the heading "CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS" in
11 this Act shall be funded from \$20,000,000 in unobligated
12 amounts that were made available to carry out the discre-
13 tionary bus and bus facilities program under 49 U.S.C.
14 5309 in fiscal years 1984 through 2012: *Provided*, That
15 all such projects shall remain subject to the Capital In-
16 vestment Grants Program requirements of 49 U.S.C.
17 5309 for New Starts, Small Starts, or Core Capacity
18 projects as applicable.

19 SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT

20 CORPORATION

21 The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corpora-
22 tion is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, with-
23 in the limits of funds and borrowing authority available
24 to the Corporation, and in accord with law, and to make
25 such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal

1 year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Govern-
2 ment Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be
3 necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the
4 Corporation's budget for the current fiscal year.

5 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE
6 (HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND)

7 For necessary expenses to conduct the operations,
8 maintenance, and capital asset renewal activities of those
9 portions of the St. Lawrence Seaway owned, operated, and
10 maintained by the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development
11 Corporation, \$31,500,000, to be derived from the Harbor
12 Maintenance Trust Fund, pursuant to Public Law 99-
13 662, and of which \$14,300,000 shall remain available
14 until September 30, 2017, for the Asset Renewal Pro-
15 gram.

16 MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
17 MARITIME SECURITY PROGRAM

18 For necessary expenses to maintain and preserve a
19 U.S.-flag merchant fleet to serve the national security
20 needs of the United States, \$186,000,000, to remain avail-
21 able until expended.

22 OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

23 For necessary expenses of operations and training ac-
24 tivities authorized by law, \$149,900,000, of which
25 \$11,300,000 shall remain available until expended for

1 maintenance and repair of training ships at State Mari-
2 time Academies, and of which \$2,400,000 shall remain
3 available through September 30, 2016, for the Student In-
4 centive Program at State Maritime Academies, and of
5 which \$1,200,000 shall remain available until expended
6 for training ship fuel assistance payments, and of which
7 \$15,954,000 shall remain available until expended for fa-
8 cilities maintenance and repair, equipment, and capital
9 improvements at the United State Merchant Marine Acad-
10 emy, and of which \$3,000,000 shall remain available
11 through September 16, 2016, for Maritime Environment
12 and Technology Assistance grants and cooperative agree-
13 ment: *Provided*, That amounts apportioned for the United
14 States Merchant Marine Academy shall be available only
15 upon allotments made personally by the Secretary of
16 Transportation or the Assistant Secretary for Budget and
17 Programs: *Provided further*, That the Superintendent,
18 Deputy Superintendent and the Director of the Office of
19 Resource Management of the United State Merchant Ma-
20 rine Academy may not be allotment holders for the United
21 States Merchant Marine Academy, and the Administrator
22 of the Maritime Administration shall hold all allotments
23 made by the Secretary of Transportation or the Assistant
24 Secretary for Budget and Programs under the previous
25 proviso: *Provided further*, That 50 percent of the funding

1 made available for the United States Merchant Marine
2 Academy under this heading shall be available only after
3 the Secretary, in consultation with the Superintendent and
4 the Maritime Administrator, completes a plan detailing by
5 program or activity how such funding will be expended at
6 the Academy, and this plan is submitted to the House and
7 Senate Committees on Appropriations: *Provided further*,
8 That not later than January 12, 2015, the Administrator
9 of the Maritime Administration shall transmit to Congress
10 the biennial survey and report on sexual assault and sex-
11 ual harassment at the United States Merchant Marine
12 Academy as required pursuant to section 3507 of Public
13 Law 110–417: *Provided further*, That the amount herein
14 appropriated shall be reduced by \$100,000 for each day
15 after January 12, 2015 that such report has not been sub-
16 mitted to the Congress.

17 SHIP DISPOSAL

18 For necessary expenses related to the disposal of ob-
19 solete vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet of the
20 Maritime Administration, \$4,800,000, to remain available
21 until expended.

1 utilities, services, or repairs shall be covered into the
 2 Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

3 PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY

4 ADMINISTRATION

5 OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

6 (PIPELINE SAFETY FUND)

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

8 For necessary operational expenses of the Pipeline
 9 and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration,
 10 \$22,225,000: *Provided*, That \$1,500,000 shall be trans-
 11 ferred to “Pipeline Safety” in order to fund “Pipeline
 12 Safety Information Grants to Communities” as authorized
 13 under section 60130 of title 49, United States Code.

14 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY

15 For expenses necessary to discharge the hazardous
 16 materials safety functions of the Pipeline and Hazardous
 17 Materials Safety Administration, \$52,000,000, of which
 18 \$7,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
 19 2017: *Provided*, That up to \$800,000 in fees collected
 20 under 49 U.S.C. 5108(g) shall be deposited in the general
 21 fund of the Treasury as offsetting receipts: *Provided fur-*
 22 *ther*, That there may be credited to this appropriation, to
 23 be available until expended, funds received from States,
 24 counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and pri-
 25 vate sources for expenses incurred for training, for reports

1 publication and dissemination, and for travel expenses in-
2 curred in performance of hazardous materials exemptions
3 and approvals functions.

4 PIPELINE SAFETY

5 (PIPELINE SAFETY FUND)

6 (OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND)

7 (PIPELINE SAFETY DESIGN REVIEW FUND)

8 For expenses necessary to conduct the functions of
9 the pipeline safety program, for grants-in-aid to carry out
10 a pipeline safety program, as authorized by 49 U.S.C.
11 60107, and to discharge the pipeline program responsibil-
12 ities of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, \$158,000,000, of
13 which \$19,500,000 shall be derived from the Oil Spill Li-
14 ability Trust Fund and shall remain available until Sep-
15 tember 30, 2017; and of which \$136,500,000 shall be de-
16 rived from the Pipeline Safety Fund, of which
17 \$78,309,000 shall remain available until September 30,
18 2017; and of which \$2,000,000, to remain available until
19 expended, shall be derived from the Pipeline Safety Design
20 Review Fund.

21 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANTS

22 (EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUND)

23 For necessary expenses to carryout 49 U.S.C.
24 5128(b), \$188,000 to be derived from the Emergency Pre-
25 paredness Fund, to remain available until September 30,

1 2016: *Provided*, That notwithstanding the fiscal year limi-
2 tation specified in 49 U.S.C. 5116, not more than
3 \$28,318,000 shall be made available for obligation in fis-
4 cal year 2015 from amounts made available by 49 U.S.C.
5 5116(i), and 5128(b) and (c): *Provided further*, That none
6 of the funds made available by 49 U.S.C. 5116(i),
7 5128(b), or 5128(c) shall be made available for obligation
8 by individuals other than the Secretary of Transportation,
9 or his designee: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding 49
10 U.S.C. 5128(b) and (c) and the current year obligation
11 limitation, prior year recoveries recognized in the current
12 year shall be available to develop a hazardous materials
13 response training curriculum for emergency responders,
14 including response activities for crude oil, ethanol and
15 other flammable liquids by rail, consistent with National
16 Fire Protection Association standards, and to make such
17 training available through an electronic format and a com-
18 petitive process to non-profit organizations to train public
19 sector employees to respond to an accident or incident in-
20 volving the transportation of hazardous materials.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—PIPELINE AND

22 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

23 SEC. 180. Subsection (i)(4) of section 5116 of title
24 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “2 per-
25 cent” and inserting “4 percent”.

1 SEC. 181. Notwithstanding section 60117(n)(1)(B)
2 of title 49, United States Code, the Secretary may require
3 the person proposing any project with design and con-
4 struction costs over \$2,500,000,000 for the construction,
5 expansion, or operation of a gas or hazardous liquid pipe-
6 line facility or liquefied natural gas pipeline facility to pay
7 the costs incurred by the Secretary relating to a facility
8 design safety review.

9 SEC. 182. The Secretary is directed to initiate a rule-
10 making or alternative risk-based compliance regime for
11 the siting of small-scale liquefaction facilities that gen-
12 erate and package liquefied natural gas for use as a trans-
13 portation fuel for domestic delivery via non-pipeline
14 means. The rulemaking or alternative risk-based compli-
15 ance regime should incorporate the 2013 National Fire
16 Protection Association Standard 59A and industry best
17 practices while ensuring appropriate public safety protec-
18 tions.

19 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

20 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

21 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Inspector
22 General to carry out the provisions of the Inspector Gen-
23 eral Act of 1978, as amended, \$86,223,000: *Provided,*
24 That the Inspector General shall have all necessary au-
25 thority, in carrying out the duties specified in the Inspec-

1 tor General Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 3), to inves-
 2 tigate allegations of fraud, including false statements to
 3 the government (18 U.S.C. 1001), by any person or entity
 4 that is subject to regulation by the Department: *Provided*
 5 *further*, That the funds made available under this heading
 6 may be used to investigate, pursuant to section 41712 of
 7 title 49, United States Code: (1) unfair or deceptive prac-
 8 tices and unfair methods of competition by domestic and
 9 foreign air carriers and ticket agents; and (2) the compli-
 10 ance of domestic and foreign air carriers with respect to
 11 item (1) of this proviso.

12 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

13 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

14 For necessary expenses of the Surface Transpor-
 15 tation Board, including services authorized by 5 U.S.C.
 16 3109, \$31,500,000: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any
 17 other provision of law, not to exceed \$1,250,000 from fees
 18 established by the Chairman of the Surface Transpor-
 19 tation Board shall be credited to this appropriation as off-
 20 setting collections and used for necessary and authorized
 21 expenses under this heading: *Provided further*, That the
 22 sum herein appropriated from the general fund shall be
 23 reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis as such offsetting col-
 24 lections are received during fiscal year 2014, to result in

1 a final appropriation from the general fund estimated at
2 no more than \$30,250,000.

3 GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF
4 TRANSPORTATION

5 SEC. 190. During the current fiscal year, applicable
6 appropriations to the Department of Transportation shall
7 be available for maintenance and operation of aircraft;
8 hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft; purchase of
9 liability insurance for motor vehicles operating in foreign
10 countries on official department business; and uniforms or
11 allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901–
12 5902).

13 SEC. 191. Appropriations contained in this Act for
14 the Department of Transportation shall be available for
15 services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for
16 individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to
17 the rate for an Executive Level IV.

18 SEC. 192. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-
19 able for salaries and expenses of more than 110 political
20 and Presidential appointees in the Department of Trans-
21 portation: *Provided*, That none of the personnel covered
22 by this provision may be assigned on temporary detail out-
23 side the Department of Transportation.

24 SEC. 193. (a) No recipient of funds made available
25 in this Act shall disseminate personal information (as de-

1 fined in 18 U.S.C. 2725(3)) obtained by a State depart-
2 ment of motor vehicles in connection with a motor vehicle
3 record as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2725(1), except as provided
4 in 18 U.S.C. 2721 for a use permitted under 18 U.S.C.
5 2721.

6 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretary
7 shall not withhold funds provided in this Act for any
8 grantee if a State is in noncompliance with this provision.

9 SEC. 194. Funds received by the Federal Highway
10 Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and Fed-
11 eral Railroad Administration from States, counties, mu-
12 nicipalities, other public authorities, and private sources
13 for expenses incurred for training may be credited respec-
14 tively to the Federal Highway Administration's "Federal-
15 Aid Highways" account, the Federal Transit Administra-
16 tion's "Technical Assistance and Training" account, and
17 to the Federal Railroad Administration's "Safety and Op-
18 erations" account, except for State rail safety inspectors
19 participating in training pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 20105.

20 SEC. 195. None of the funds in this Act to the De-
21 partment of Transportation may be used to make a grant
22 unless the Secretary of Transportation notifies the House
23 and Senate Committees on Appropriations not less than
24 3 full business days before any project competitively se-
25 lected to receive a discretionary grant award, any discre-

1 tionary grant award, letter of intent, or full funding grant
2 agreement is announced by the department or its modal
3 administrations from:

4 (1) any discretionary grant program of the Fed-
5 eral Highway Administration including the emer-
6 gency relief program;

7 (2) the airport improvement program of the
8 Federal Aviation Administration;

9 (3) any program of the Federal Railroad Ad-
10 ministration;

11 (4) any program of the Federal Transit Admin-
12 istration other than the formula grants and fixed
13 guideway modernization programs;

14 (5) any program of the Maritime Administra-
15 tion; or

16 (6) any funding provided under the headings
17 “National Infrastructure Investments” in this Act:
18 *Provided*, That the Secretary gives concurrent notifi-
19 cation to the House and Senate Committees on Ap-
20 propriations for any “quick release” of funds from
21 the emergency relief program: *Provided further*, That
22 no notification shall involve funds that are not avail-
23 able for obligation.

24 SEC. 196. Rebates, refunds, incentive payments,
25 minor fees and other funds received by the Department

1 of Transportation from travel management centers,
2 charge card programs, the subleasing of building space,
3 and miscellaneous sources are to be credited to appropria-
4 tions of the Department of Transportation and allocated
5 to elements of the Department of Transportation using
6 fair and equitable criteria and such funds shall be avail-
7 able until expended.

8 SEC. 197. Amounts made available in this or any
9 other Act that the Secretary determines represent im-
10 proper payments by the Department of Transportation to
11 a third-party contractor under a financial assistance
12 award, which are recovered pursuant to law, shall be avail-
13 able—

14 (1) to reimburse the actual expenses incurred
15 by the Department of Transportation in recovering
16 improper payments; and

17 (2) to pay contractors for services provided in
18 recovering improper payments or contractor support
19 in the implementation of the Improper Payments In-
20 formation Act of 2002: *Provided*, That amounts in
21 excess of that required for paragraphs (1) and (2)—

22 (A) shall be credited to and merged with
23 the appropriation from which the improper pay-
24 ments were made, and shall be available for the
25 purposes and period for which such appropria-

1 tions are available: *Provided further*, That
2 where specific project or accounting information
3 associated with the improper payment or pay-
4 ments is not readily available, the Secretary
5 may credit an appropriate account, which shall
6 be available for the purposes and period associ-
7 ated with the account so credited; or

8 (B) if no such appropriation remains avail-
9 able, shall be deposited in the Treasury as mis-
10 cellaneous receipts: *Provided further*, That prior
11 to the transfer of any such recovery to an ap-
12 propriations account, the Secretary shall notify
13 the House and Senate Committees on Appro-
14 priations of the amount and reasons for such
15 transfer: *Provided further*, That for purposes of
16 this section, the term “improper payments” has
17 the same meaning as that provided in section
18 2(d)(2) of Public Law 107–300.

19 SEC. 198. Notwithstanding any other provision of
20 law, if any funds provided in or limited by this Act are
21 subject to a reprogramming action that requires notice to
22 be provided to the House and Senate Committees on Ap-
23 propriations, transmission of said reprogramming notice
24 shall be provided solely to the Committees on Appropria-
25 tions, and said reprogramming action shall be approved

1 or denied solely by the Committees on Appropriations:
2 *Provided*, That the Secretary may provide notice to other
3 congressional committees of the action of the Committees
4 on Appropriations on such reprogramming but not sooner
5 than 30 days following the date on which the reprogram-
6 ming action has been approved or denied by the House
7 and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

8 SEC. 199. None of the funds appropriated or other-
9 wise made available under this Act may be used by the
10 Surface Transportation Board of the Department of
11 Transportation to charge or collect any filing fee for rate
12 or practice complaints filed with the Board in an amount
13 in excess of the amount authorized for district court civil
14 suit filing fees under section 1914 of title 28, United
15 States Code.

16 SEC. 199A. Funds appropriated in this Act to the
17 modal administrations may be obligated for the Office of
18 the Secretary for the costs related to assessments or reim-
19 bursable agreements only when such amounts are for the
20 costs of goods and services that are purchased to provide
21 a direct benefit to the applicable modal administration or
22 administrations.

23 SEC. 199B. The Secretary of Transportation is au-
24 thorized to carry out a program that establishes uniform
25 standards for developing and supporting agency transit

1 pass and transit benefits authorized under section 7905
2 of title 5, United States Code, including distribution of
3 transit benefits by various paper and electronic media.

4 This title may be cited as the “Department of Trans-
5 portation Appropriations Act, 2015”.

6

TITLE II

7

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN

8

DEVELOPMENT

9

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

10

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

11

12 For necessary salaries and expenses for Executive Of-
13 fices, which shall be comprised of the offices of the Sec-
14 retary, Deputy Secretary, Adjudicatory Services, Congres-
15 sional and Intergovernmental Relations, Public Affairs,
16 Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, and the
17 Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships,
18 \$14,700,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$25,000 of the
19 amount made available under this heading shall be avail-
20 able to the Secretary for official reception and representa-

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ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICES

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23 For necessary salaries and expenses for Administra-
24 tive Support Offices, \$519,867,000, of which not to exceed
25 \$48,000,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief
Financial Officer; not to exceed \$94,640,000 shall be

1 available for the Office of the General Counsel; not to ex-
2 ceed \$198,800,000 shall be available for the Office of Ad-
3 ministration; not to exceed \$58,000,000 shall be available
4 for the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer; not
5 to exceed \$51,135,000 shall be available for the Office of
6 Field Policy and Management; not to exceed \$16,330,000
7 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Procurement
8 Officer; not to exceed \$3,202,000 shall be available for the
9 Office of Departmental Equal Employment Opportunity;
10 not to exceed \$4,560,000 shall be available for the Office
11 of Strategic Planning and Management; and not to exceed
12 \$45,200,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief
13 Information Officer: *Provided*, That funds provided under
14 this heading may be used for necessary administrative and
15 non-administrative expenses of the Department of Hous-
16 ing and Urban Development, not otherwise provided for,
17 including purchase of uniforms, or allowances therefore,
18 as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; hire of passenger
19 motor vehicles; and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C.
20 3109: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other
21 provision of law, funds appropriated under this heading
22 may be used for advertising and promotional activities
23 that support the housing mission area: *Provided further*,
24 That the Secretary shall provide the Committees on Ap-
25 propriations quarterly written notification regarding the

1 status of pending congressional reports: *Provided further*,
2 That the Secretary shall provide in electronic form all
3 signed reports required by Congress.

4 PROGRAM OFFICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

6 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
7 Public and Indian Housing, \$205,525,000.

8 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

9 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
10 Community Planning and Development, \$103,300,000.

11 HOUSING

12 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
13 Housing, \$386,677,000, of which at least \$9,000,000 shall
14 be for the Office of Risk and Regulatory Affairs.

15 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

16 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
17 Policy Development and Research, \$22,300,000.

18 FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

19 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
20 Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, \$69,700,000.

21 OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY

22 HOMES

23 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
24 Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, \$7,075,000.

1 PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING
2 RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION

3 For continuing activities under the heading “Rental
4 Assistance Demonstration” in the Department of Housing
5 and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public
6 Law 112–55), and in accordance with guidance issued by
7 the Secretary, \$10,000,000, to remain available through
8 September 30, 2018: *Provided*, That such funds shall only
9 be available to properties converting from assistance under
10 section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
11 U.S.C. 1437g).

12 TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

13 For activities and assistance for the provision of ten-
14 ant-based rental assistance authorized under the United
15 States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437
16 et seq.) (“the Act” herein), not otherwise provided for,
17 \$15,562,160,000, to remain available until expended, shall
18 be available on October 1, 2014 (in addition to the
19 \$4,000,000,000 previously appropriated under this head-
20 ing that shall be available on October 1, 2014), and
21 \$4,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall
22 be available on October 1, 2015: *Provided*, That the
23 amounts made available under this heading are provided
24 as follows:

1 (1) \$17,719,000,000 shall be available for re-
2 newals of expiring section 8 tenant-based annual
3 contributions contracts (including renewals of en-
4 hanced vouchers under any provision of law author-
5 izing such assistance under section 8(t) of the Act)
6 and including renewal of other special purpose incre-
7 mental vouchers: *Provided*, That notwithstanding
8 any other provision of law, from amounts provided
9 under this paragraph and any carryover, the Sec-
10 retary for the calendar year 2015 funding cycle shall
11 provide renewal funding for each public housing
12 agency based on validated voucher management sys-
13 tem (VMS) leasing and cost data for the prior cal-
14 endar year and by applying an inflation factor as es-
15 tablished by the Secretary, by notice published in
16 the Federal Register, and by making any necessary
17 adjustments for the costs associated with the first-
18 time renewal of vouchers under this paragraph in-
19 cluding tenant protection, HOPE VI, and Choice
20 Neighborhoods vouchers: *Provided further*, That in
21 determining calendar year 2015 funding allocations
22 under this heading for public housing agencies, in-
23 cluding agencies participating in the Moving To
24 Work (MTW) demonstration, the Secretary may
25 take into account the anticipated impact of changes

1 in targeting and utility allowances, on public housing
2 agencies' contract renewal needs: *Provided further,*
3 That none of the funds provided under this para-
4 graph may be used to fund a total number of unit
5 months under lease which exceeds a public housing
6 agency's authorized level of units under contract, ex-
7 cept for public housing agencies participating in the
8 MTW demonstration, which are instead governed by
9 the terms and conditions of their MTW agreements:
10 *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall, to the ex-
11 tent necessary to stay within the amount specified
12 under this paragraph (except as otherwise modified
13 under this paragraph), prorate each public housing
14 agency's allocation otherwise established pursuant to
15 this paragraph: *Provided further,* That except as
16 provided in the following provisos, the entire amount
17 specified under this paragraph (except as otherwise
18 modified under this paragraph) shall be obligated to
19 the public housing agencies based on the allocation
20 and pro rata method described above, and the Sec-
21 retary shall notify public housing agencies of their
22 annual budget by the latter of 60 days after enact-
23 ment of this Act or March 1, 2015: *Provided further,*
24 That the Secretary may extend the notification pe-
25 riod with the prior written approval of the House

1 and Senate Committees on Appropriations: *Provided*
2 *further*, That public housing agencies participating
3 in the MTW demonstration shall be funded pursuant
4 to their MTW agreements and shall be subject to
5 the same pro rata adjustments under the previous
6 provisos: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may
7 offset public housing agencies' calendar year 2015
8 allocations based on the excess amounts of public
9 housing agencies' net restricted assets accounts, in-
10 cluding HUD held programmatic reserves (in ac-
11 cordance with VMS data in calendar year 2014 that
12 is verifiable and complete), as determined by the
13 Secretary: *Provided further*, That public housing
14 agencies participating in the MTW demonstration
15 shall also be subject to the offset, as determined by
16 the Secretary, excluding amounts subject to the sin-
17 gle fund budget authority provisions of their MTW
18 agreements, from the agencies' calendar year 2015
19 MTW funding allocation: *Provided further*, That the
20 Secretary shall use any offset referred to in the pre-
21 vious two provisos throughout the calendar year to
22 prevent the termination of rental assistance for fam-
23 ilies as the result of insufficient funding, as deter-
24 mined by the Secretary, and to avoid or reduce the
25 proration of renewal funding allocations: *Provided*

1 *further*, That up to \$75,000,000 shall be available
2 only: (1) for adjustments in the allocations for public
3 housing agencies, after application for an adjust-
4 ment by a public housing agency that experienced a
5 significant increase, as determined by the Secretary,
6 in renewal costs of vouchers resulting from unfore-
7 seen circumstances or from portability under section
8 8(r) of the Act; (2) for vouchers that were not in use
9 during the 12-month period in order to be available
10 to meet a commitment pursuant to section 8(o)(13)
11 of the Act; (3) for adjustments for costs associated
12 with HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
13 (HUD-VASH) vouchers; and (4) for public housing
14 agencies that despite taking reasonable cost savings
15 measures, as determined by the Secretary, would
16 otherwise be required to terminate rental assistance
17 for families as a result of insufficient funding: *Pro-*
18 *vided further*, That the Secretary shall allocate
19 amounts under the previous proviso based on need,
20 as determined by the Secretary;

21 (2) \$130,000,000 shall be for section 8 rental
22 assistance for relocation and replacement of housing
23 units that are demolished or disposed of pursuant to
24 section 18 of the Act, conversion of section 23
25 projects to assistance under section 8, the family

1 unification program under section 8(x) of the Act,
2 relocation of witnesses in connection with efforts to
3 combat crime in public and assisted housing pursu-
4 ant to a request from a law enforcement or prosecu-
5 tion agency, enhanced vouchers under any provision
6 of law authorizing such assistance under section 8(t)
7 of the Act, HOPE VI and Choice Neighborhood
8 vouchers, mandatory and voluntary conversions, and
9 tenant protection assistance including replacement
10 and relocation assistance or for project-based assist-
11 ance to prevent the displacement of unassisted elder-
12 ly tenants currently residing in section 202 prop-
13 erties financed between 1959 and 1974 that are refi-
14 nanced pursuant to Public Law 106–569, as amend-
15 ed, or under the authority as provided under this
16 Act: *Provided*, That when a public housing develop-
17 ment is submitted for demolition or disposition
18 under section 18 of the Act, the Secretary may pro-
19 vide section 8 rental assistance when the units pose
20 an imminent health and safety risk to residents:
21 *Provided further*, That the Secretary may only pro-
22 vide replacement vouchers for units that were occu-
23 pied within the previous 24 months that cease to be
24 available as assisted housing, subject only to the
25 availability of funds: *Provided further*, That of the

1 amounts made available under this paragraph,
2 \$5,000,000 may be available to provide tenant pro-
3 tection assistance, not otherwise provided under this
4 paragraph, to residents residing in low vacancy
5 areas and who may have to pay rents greater than
6 30 percent of household income, as the result of (1)
7 the maturity of a HUD-insured, HUD-held or sec-
8 tion 202 loan that requires the permission of the
9 Secretary prior to loan prepayment; (2) the expira-
10 tion of a rental assistance contract for which the
11 tenants are not eligible for enhanced voucher or ten-
12 ant protection assistance under existing law; or (3)
13 the expiration of affordability restrictions accom-
14 panying a mortgage or preservation program admin-
15 istered by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That such
16 tenant protection assistance made available under
17 the previous proviso may be provided under the au-
18 thority of section 8(t) or section 8(o)(13) of the
19 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
20 1437f(t)): *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall
21 issue guidance to implement the previous provisos,
22 including, but not limited to, requirements for defin-
23 ing eligible at-risk households within 120 days of the
24 enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That any
25 tenant protection voucher made available from

1 amounts under this paragraph shall not be reissued
2 by any public housing agency, except the replace-
3 ment vouchers as defined by the Secretary by notice,
4 when the initial family that received any such vouch-
5 er no longer receives such voucher, and the authority
6 for any public housing agency to issue any such
7 voucher shall cease to exist: *Provided further*, That
8 the Secretary, for the purpose under this paragraph,
9 may use unobligated balances, including recaptures
10 and carryovers, remaining from amounts appro-
11 priated in prior fiscal years under this heading for
12 voucher assistance for nonelderly disabled families
13 and for disaster assistance made available under
14 Public Law 110–329;

15 (3) \$1,555,000,000 shall be for administrative
16 and other expenses of public housing agencies in ad-
17 ministering the section 8 tenant-based rental assist-
18 ance program, of which up to \$10,000,000 shall be
19 available to the Secretary to allocate to public hous-
20 ing agencies that need additional funds to admin-
21 ister their section 8 programs, including fees associ-
22 ated with section 8 tenant protection rental assist-
23 ance, the administration of disaster related vouchers,
24 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers, and
25 other special purpose incremental vouchers: *Pro-*

1 *vided*, That no less than \$1,545,000,000 of the
2 amount provided in this paragraph shall be allocated
3 to public housing agencies for the calendar year
4 2015 funding cycle based on section 8(q) of the Act
5 (and related Appropriation Act provisions) as in ef-
6 fect immediately before the enactment of the Quality
7 Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Pub-
8 lic Law 105–276): *Provided further*, That if the
9 amounts made available under this paragraph are
10 insufficient to pay the amounts determined under
11 the previous proviso, the Secretary may decrease the
12 amounts allocated to agencies by a uniform percent-
13 age applicable to all agencies receiving funding
14 under this paragraph or may, to the extent nec-
15 essary to provide full payment of amounts deter-
16 mined under the previous proviso, utilize unobligated
17 balances, including recaptures and carryovers, re-
18 maining from funds appropriated to the Department
19 of Housing and Urban Development under this
20 heading from prior fiscal years, excluding special
21 purpose vouchers, notwithstanding the purposes for
22 which such amounts were appropriated: *Provided*
23 *further*, That all public housing agencies partici-
24 pating in the MTW demonstration shall be funded
25 pursuant to their MTW agreements, and shall be

1 subject to the same uniform percentage decrease as
2 under the previous proviso: *Provided further*, That
3 amounts provided under this paragraph shall be only
4 for activities related to the provision of tenant-based
5 rental assistance authorized under section 8, includ-
6 ing related development activities;

7 (4) \$83,160,000 for the renewal of tenant-
8 based assistance contracts under section 811 of the
9 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act
10 (42 U.S.C. 8013), including necessary administra-
11 tive expenses: *Provided*, That administrative and
12 other expenses of public housing agencies in admin-
13 istering the special purpose vouchers in this para-
14 graph shall be funded under the same terms and be
15 subject to the same pro rata reduction as the per-
16 cent decrease for administrative and other expenses
17 to public housing agencies under paragraph (3) of
18 this heading;

19 (5) \$75,000,000 for incremental rental voucher
20 assistance for use through a supported housing pro-
21 gram administered in conjunction with the Depart-
22 ment of Veterans Affairs as authorized under section
23 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937:
24 *Provided*, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban
25 Development shall make such funding available, not-

1 withstanding section 204 (competition provision) of
2 this title, to public housing agencies that partner
3 with eligible VA Medical Centers or other entities as
4 designated by the Secretary of the Department of
5 Veterans Affairs, based on geographical need for
6 such assistance as identified by the Secretary of the
7 Department of Veterans Affairs, public housing
8 agency administrative performance, and other fac-
9 tors as specified by the Secretary of Housing and
10 Urban Development in consultation with the Sec-
11 retary of the Department of Veterans Affairs: *Pro-*
12 *vided further*, That the Secretary of Housing and
13 Urban Development may waive, or specify alter-
14 native requirements for (in consultation with the
15 Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs),
16 any provision of any statute or regulation that the
17 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development ad-
18 ministers in connection with the use of funds made
19 available under this paragraph (except for require-
20 ments related to fair housing, nondiscrimination,
21 labor standards, and the environment), upon a find-
22 ing by the Secretary that any such waivers or alter-
23 native requirements are necessary for the effective
24 delivery and administration of such voucher assist-
25 ance: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall set

1 aside an amount provided under this paragraph for
2 a rental assistance and supportive housing dem-
3 onstration program for Native American veterans
4 that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness living
5 on or near a reservation or other Indian areas: *Pro-*
6 *vided further,* That such demonstration program
7 shall be modeled after, with necessary and appro-
8 priate adjustments for Native American grant recipi-
9 ents and veterans, the rental assistance and sup-
10 portive housing program funded under this para-
11 graph, including administration in conjunction with
12 the Department of Veterans Affairs and overall im-
13 plementation of section 8(o)(19) of the Act: *Provided*
14 *further,* That amounts for rental assistance and as-
15 sociated administrative costs shall be made available
16 by grants to recipients eligible to receive block
17 grants under the Native American Housing Assist-
18 ance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C.
19 section 4101 et seq.): *Provided further,* That funds
20 shall be awarded based on need, administrative ca-
21 pacity, and any other funding criteria established by
22 the Secretary in a Notice published in the Federal
23 Register after coordination with the Secretary of the
24 Department of Veterans Affairs within 180 days of
25 enactment of this Act: *Provided further,* That such

1 rental assistance shall be administered by block
2 grant recipients in accordance with program require-
3 ments under the Native American Housing Assist-
4 ance and Self-Determination Act of 1996: *Provided*
5 *further*, That the second and third provisos under
6 this paragraph shall apply to use of funds made
7 available for this demonstration, as appropriate: *Pro-*
8 *vided further*, That the Secretary, in coordination
9 with the Secretary of the Department of Veterans
10 Affairs, shall coordinate with block grant recipients
11 and any other appropriate tribal organizations on
12 the design of such demonstration and shall ensure
13 the effective delivery of supportive services to Native
14 American veterans that are homeless or at-risk of
15 homelessness eligible to receive assistance under this
16 demonstration: *Provided further*, That grant recipi-
17 ents shall report to the Secretary, as prescribed by
18 the Secretary, utilization of such rental assistance
19 provided under this demonstration: *Provided further*,
20 That assistance made available under this paragraph
21 shall continue to remain available for homeless vet-
22 erans upon turn-over; and

23 (6) The Secretary shall separately track all spe-
24 cial purpose vouchers funded under this heading.

1 HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND

2 (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

3 Unobligated balances, including recaptures and car-
4 ryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the Depart-
5 ment of Housing and Urban Development under this
6 heading, the heading “Annual Contributions for Assisted
7 Housing” and the heading “Project-Based Rental Assist-
8 ance”, for fiscal year 2015 and prior years may be used
9 for renewal of or amendments to section 8 project-based
10 contracts and for performance-based contract administra-
11 tors, notwithstanding the purposes for which such funds
12 were appropriated: *Provided*, That any obligated balances
13 of contract authority from fiscal year 1974 and prior that
14 have been terminated shall be rescinded: *Provided further*,
15 That amounts heretofore recaptured, or recaptured during
16 the current fiscal year, from section 8 project-based con-
17 tracts from source years fiscal year 1975 through fiscal
18 year 1987 are hereby rescinded, and an amount of addi-
19 tional new budget authority, equivalent to the amount re-
20 scinded is hereby appropriated, to remain available until
21 expended, for the purposes set forth under this heading,
22 in addition to amounts otherwise available.

23 PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND

24 For the Public Housing Capital Fund Program to
25 carry out capital and management activities for public

1 housing agencies, as authorized under section 9 of the
2 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g)
3 (the “Act”) \$1,900,000,000, to remain available until
4 September 30, 2018: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any
5 other provision of law or regulation, during fiscal year
6 2015 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
7 may not delegate to any Department official other than
8 the Deputy Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for
9 Public and Indian Housing any authority under paragraph
10 (2) of section 9(j) regarding the extension of the time peri-
11 ods under such section: *Provided further*, That for pur-
12 poses of such section 9(j), the term “obligate” means, with
13 respect to amounts, that the amounts are subject to a
14 binding agreement that will result in outlays, immediately
15 or in the future: *Provided further*, That up to \$5,000,000
16 shall be to support ongoing Public Housing Financial and
17 Physical Assessment activities: *Provided further*, That up
18 to \$3,000,000 shall be to support the costs of administra-
19 tive and judicial receiverships: *Provided further*, That of
20 the total amount provided under this heading, not to ex-
21 ceed \$23,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary to
22 make grants, notwithstanding section 204 of this Act, to
23 public housing agencies for emergency capital needs in-
24 cluding safety and security measures necessary to address
25 crime and drug-related activity as well as needs resulting

1 from unforeseen or unpreventable emergencies and nat-
2 ural disasters excluding Presidentially declared emer-
3 gencies and natural disasters under the Robert T. Stafford
4 Disaster Relief and Emergency Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et
5 seq.) occurring in fiscal year 2015: *Provided further*, That
6 of the amount made available under the previous proviso,
7 not less than \$6,000,000 shall be for safety and security
8 measures: *Provided further*, That of the total amount pro-
9 vided under this heading \$45,000,000 shall be for sup-
10 portive services, service coordinator and congregate serv-
11 ices as authorized by section 34 of the Act (42 U.S.C.
12 1437z-6) and the Native American Housing Assistance
13 and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et
14 seq.): *Provided further*, That of the total amount made
15 available under this heading, up to \$15,000,000 may be
16 used for incentives as part of a Jobs-Plus Pilot initiative
17 modeled after the Jobs-Plus demonstration: *Provided fur-*
18 *ther*, That the funding provided under the previous proviso
19 shall provide competitive grants to partnerships between
20 public housing authorities, local workforce investment
21 boards established under section 117 of the Workforce In-
22 vestment Act of 1998, and other agencies and organiza-
23 tions that provide support to help public housing residents
24 obtain employment and increase earnings: *Provided fur-*
25 *ther*, That applicants must demonstrate the ability to pro-

1 vide services to residents, partner with workforce invest-
2 ment boards, and leverage service dollars: *Provided fur-*
3 *ther*, That the Secretary may set aside a portion of the
4 funds provided for the Resident Opportunity and Self-Suf-
5 ficiency program to support the services element of the
6 Jobs-Plus Pilot initiative: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
7 retary may allow PHAs to request exemptions from rent
8 and income limitation requirements under sections 3 and
9 6 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 as necessary
10 to implement the Jobs-Plus program, on such terms and
11 conditions as the Secretary may approve upon a finding
12 by the Secretary that any such waivers or alternative re-
13 quirements are necessary for the effective implementation
14 of the Jobs-Plus Pilot initiative as a voluntary program
15 for residents: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall
16 publish by notice in the Federal Register any waivers or
17 alternative requirements pursuant to the preceding proviso
18 no later than 10 days before the effective date of such
19 notice: *Provided further*, That for funds provided under
20 this heading, the limitation in section 9(g)(1)(A) of the
21 Act shall be 30 percent: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
22 retary may waive the limitation in the previous proviso to
23 allow public housing agencies to fund activities authorized
24 under section 9(e)(1)(C) of the Act: *Provided further*, That
25 from the funds made available under this heading, the

1 Secretary shall provide bonus awards in fiscal year 2015
2 to public housing agencies that are designated high per-
3 formers: *Provided further*, That the Department shall no-
4 tify public housing agencies of their formula allocation
5 within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

6 PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

7 For 2015 payments to public housing agencies for the
8 operation and management of public housing, as author-
9 ized by section 9(e) of the United States Housing Act of
10 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(e)), \$4,475,000,000.

11 CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

12 For competitive grants under the Choice Neighbor-
13 hoods Initiative (subject to section 24 of the United States
14 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v), unless otherwise
15 specified under this heading), for transformation, rehabili-
16 tation, and replacement housing needs of both public and
17 HUD-assisted housing and to transform neighborhoods of
18 poverty into functioning, sustainable mixed income neigh-
19 borhoods with appropriate services, schools, public assets,
20 transportation and access to jobs, \$90,000,000, to remain
21 available until September 30, 2017: *Provided*, That grant
22 funds may be used for resident and community services,
23 community development, and affordable housing needs in
24 the community, and for conversion of vacant or foreclosed
25 properties to affordable housing: *Provided further*, That

1 the use of funds made available under this heading shall
2 not be deemed to be public housing notwithstanding sec-
3 tion 3(b)(1) of such Act: *Provided further*, That grantees
4 shall commit to an additional period of affordability deter-
5 mined by the Secretary of not fewer than 20 years: *Pro-*
6 *vided further*, That grantees shall undertake comprehen-
7 sive local planning with input from residents and the com-
8 munity, and that grantees shall provide a match in State,
9 local, other Federal or private funds: *Provided further*,
10 That grantees may include local governments, tribal enti-
11 ties, public housing authorities, and nonprofits: *Provided*
12 *further*, That for-profit developers may apply jointly with
13 a public entity: *Provided further*, That for purposes of en-
14 vironmental review, a grantee shall be treated as a public
15 housing agency under section 26 of the United States
16 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437x), and grants under
17 this heading shall be subject to the regulations issued by
18 the Secretary to implement such section: *Provided further*,
19 That of the amount provided, not less than \$55,000,000
20 shall be awarded to public housing authorities: *Provided*
21 *further*, That such grantees shall create partnerships with
22 other local organizations including assisted housing own-
23 ers, service agencies, and resident organizations: *Provided*
24 *further*, That the Secretary shall consult with the Secre-
25 taries of Education, Labor, Transportation, Health and

1 Human Services, Agriculture, and Commerce, the Attor-
2 ney General, and the Administrator of the Environmental
3 Protection Agency to coordinate and leverage other appro-
4 priate Federal resources: *Provided further*, That no more
5 than \$5,000,000 of funds made available under this head-
6 ing may be provided to assist communities in developing
7 comprehensive strategies for implementing this program
8 or implementing other revitalization efforts in conjunction
9 with community notice and input: *Provided further*, That
10 the Secretary shall develop and publish guidelines for the
11 use of such competitive funds, including but not limited
12 to eligible activities, program requirements, and perform-
13 ance metrics: *Provided further*, That unobligated balances,
14 including recaptures, remaining from funds appropriated
15 under the heading “Revitalization of Severely Distressed
16 Public Housing (HOPE VI)” in fiscal year 2011 and prior
17 fiscal years may be used for purposes under this heading,
18 notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts
19 were appropriated.

20 FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY

21 For the Family Self-Sufficiency program to support
22 family self-sufficiency coordinators under section 23 of the
23 United States Housing Act of 1937, to promote the devel-
24 opment of local strategies to coordinate the use of assist-
25 ance under sections 8(o) and 9 of such Act with public

1 and private resources, and enable eligible families to
2 achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency,
3 \$75,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
4 2016: *Provided*, That the Secretary may, by Federal Reg-
5 ister notice, waive or specify alternative requirements
6 under sections b(3), b(4), b(5), or c(1) of section 23 of
7 such Act in order to facilitate the operation of a unified
8 self-sufficiency program for individuals receiving assist-
9 ance under different provisions of the Act, as determined
10 by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That owners of a pri-
11 vately owned multifamily property with a section 8 con-
12 tract may voluntarily make a Family Self-Sufficiency pro-
13 gram available to the assisted tenants of such property
14 in accordance with procedures established by the Sec-
15 retary: *Provided further*, That such procedures established
16 pursuant to the previous proviso shall permit participating
17 tenants to accrue escrow funds in accordance with section
18 23(d)(2) and shall allow owners to use funding from resid-
19 ual receipt accounts to hire coordinators for their own
20 Family Self-Sufficiency program: *Provided further*, That
21 the Secretary may carry out a demonstration testing the
22 effectiveness of combining vouchers for homeless youth
23 under the Family Unification Program authorized under
24 section 8(x) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
25 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) (“the Act” herein) with assist-

1 ance under the Family Self-Sufficiency program author-
2 ized under section 23 of the Act: *Provided further*, That
3 the Secretary may establish alternative requirements to
4 those contained in section 8(x) of the Act to facilitate such
5 a demonstration: *Provided further*, That any public hous-
6 ing agency that has existing Family Unification Program
7 vouchers and an established Family Self-Sufficiency pro-
8 gram may participate in such demonstration provided that
9 they can demonstrate (1) an agreement with the public
10 child welfare agency or agencies to serve the target popu-
11 lation; (2) capacity to serve the target population; (3) the
12 success of the agency's existing Family Self-Sufficiency
13 program in serving residents; (4) partnerships with local
14 organizations that serve homeless youth; and (5) any other
15 factors established by the Secretary: *Provided further*,
16 That the Secretary shall monitor and evaluate the dem-
17 onstration and report on whether the demonstration
18 helped homeless youth achieve self-sufficiency.

19 NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS

20 For the Native American Housing Block Grants pro-
21 gram, as authorized under title I of the Native American
22 Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996
23 (NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), \$650,000,000, to
24 remain available until September 30, 2019: *Provided*,
25 That, notwithstanding the Native American Housing As-

1 sistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to determine
2 the amount of the allocation under title I of such Act for
3 each Indian tribe, the Secretary shall apply the formula
4 under section 302 of such Act with the need component
5 based on single-race census data and with the need compo-
6 nent based on multi-race census data, and the amount of
7 the allocation for each Indian tribe shall be the greater
8 of the two resulting allocation amounts: *Provided further,*
9 That of the amounts made available under this heading,
10 \$4,000,000 shall be contracted for assistance for a na-
11 tional organization representing Native American housing
12 interests for providing training and technical assistance to
13 Indian housing authorities and tribally designated housing
14 entities as authorized under section 703 of NAHASDA
15 (25 U.S.C. 4212); and up to \$2,000,000 shall be to sup-
16 port the inspection of Indian housing units, contract ex-
17 pertise, training, and technical assistance in the training,
18 oversight, and management of such Indian housing and
19 tenant-based assistance, including up to \$300,000 for re-
20 lated travel: *Provided further,* That of the amount pro-
21 vided under this heading, \$2,000,000 shall be made avail-
22 able for the cost of guaranteed notes and other obligations,
23 as authorized by title VI of NAHASDA: *Provided further,*
24 That such costs, including the costs of modifying such
25 notes and other obligations, shall be as defined in section

1 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amend-
2 ed: *Provided further*, That these funds are available to sub-
3 sidize the total principal amount of any notes and other
4 obligations, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to
5 exceed \$16,530,000: *Provided further*, That the Depart-
6 ment will notify grantees of their formula allocation within
7 60 days of the date of enactment of this Act.

8 NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT

9 For the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant pro-
10 gram, as authorized under title VIII of the Native Amer-
11 ican Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of
12 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), \$10,000,000, to remain
13 available until September 30, 2019: *Provided*, That of this
14 amount, \$300,000 shall be for training and technical as-
15 sistance activities, including up to \$100,000 for related
16 travel by Hawaii-based employees of the Department of
17 Housing and Urban Development.

18 INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM

19 ACCOUNT

20 For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by
21 section 184 of the Housing and Community Development
22 Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a), \$6,000,000, to re-
23 main available until expended: *Provided*, That such costs,
24 including the costs of modifying such loans, shall be as
25 defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act

1 of 1974: *Provided further*, That these funds are available
 2 to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to
 3 be guaranteed, up to \$714,290,000, to remain available
 4 until expended: *Provided further*, That up to \$750,000 of
 5 this amount may be for administrative contract expenses
 6 including management processes and systems to carry out
 7 the loan guarantee program.

8 NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND
 9 PROGRAM ACCOUNT

10 For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by
 11 section 184A of the Housing and Community Develop-
 12 ment Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13b) and for such
 13 costs for loans used for refinancing, \$100,000, to remain
 14 available until expended: *Provided*, That such costs, in-
 15 cluding the costs of modifying such loans, shall be as de-
 16 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of
 17 1974: *Provided further*, That these funds are available to
 18 subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to be
 19 guaranteed, up to \$16,130,000, to remain available until
 20 expended.

21 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

22 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

23 For carrying out the Housing Opportunities for Per-
 24 sons with AIDS program, as authorized by the AIDS
 25 Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.),

1 shall be expended for planning and management develop-
2 ment and administration: *Provided further*, That a metro-
3 politan city, urban county, unit of general local govern-
4 ment, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indi-
5 rectly receives funds under this heading may not sell,
6 trade, or otherwise transfer all or any portion of such
7 funds to another such entity in exchange for any other
8 funds, credits or non-Federal considerations, but must use
9 such funds for activities eligible under title I of the Act:
10 *Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 105(e)(1)
11 of the Act, no funds provided under this heading may be
12 provided to a for-profit entity for an economic develop-
13 ment project under section 105(a)(17) unless such project
14 has been evaluated and selected in accordance with guide-
15 lines required under subparagraph (e)(2): *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That the Department shall notify grantees of their
17 formula allocation within 60 days of enactment of this Act:
18 *Provided further*, That \$70,000,000 shall be for grants to
19 Indian tribes notwithstanding section 106(a)(1) of such
20 Act, of which, notwithstanding any other provision of law
21 (including section 204 of this Act), up to \$3,960,000 may
22 be used for emergencies that constitute imminent threats
23 to health and safety: *Provided further*, That of the
24 amounts made available under the previous proviso,
25 \$10,000,000 shall be for grants for mold remediation and

1 prevention that shall be awarded through one national
2 competition to Native American tribes with the greatest
3 need.

4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN GUARANTEES
5 PROGRAM ACCOUNT

6 Subject to section 502 of the Congressional Budget
7 Act of 1974, during fiscal year 2015, commitments to
8 guarantee loans under section 108 of the Housing and
9 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5308),
10 any part of which is guaranteed, shall not exceed a total
11 principal amount of \$500,000,000: *Provided*, That the
12 Secretary shall collect fees from borrowers to result in a
13 cost of zero for guaranteeing such loans, and any such
14 fees shall be collected in accordance with section 502(7)
15 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

16 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

17 For the HOME investment partnerships program, as
18 authorized under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-
19 tional Affordable Housing Act, as amended,
20 \$950,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
21 2018: *Provided*, That notwithstanding the amount made
22 available under this heading, the threshold reduction re-
23 quirements in sections 216(10) and 217(b)(4) of such Act
24 shall not apply to allocations of such amount: *Provided*
25 *further*, That the requirements under provisos 2 through

1 6 under this heading for fiscal year 2012 and such re-
2 quirements applicable pursuant to the “Full-Year Con-
3 tinuing Appropriations Act, 2013”, shall not apply to any
4 project to which funds were committed on or after August
5 23, 2013, but such projects shall instead be governed by
6 the Final Rule titled “Home Investment Partnerships
7 Program; Improving Performance and Accountability; Up-
8 dating Property Standards” which became effective on
9 such date: *Provided further*, That the Department shall
10 notify grantees of their formula allocation within 60 days
11 of enactment of this Act.

12 SELF-HELP AND ASSISTED HOMEOWNERSHIP

13 OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

14 For the Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Op-
15 portunity Program, as authorized under section 11 of the
16 Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996, as
17 amended, \$50,000,000, to remain available until Sep-
18 tember 30, 2017: *Provided*, That of the total amount pro-
19 vided under this heading, \$10,000,000 shall be made
20 available to the Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership
21 Opportunity Program as authorized under section 11 of
22 the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996,
23 as amended: *Provided further*, That \$35,000,000 shall be
24 made available for the second, third, and fourth capacity
25 building activities authorized under section 4(a) of the

1 HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 9816 note),
2 of which not less than \$5,000,000 shall be made available
3 for rural capacity-building activities: *Provided further*,
4 That \$5,000,000 shall be made available for capacity
5 building by national rural housing organizations with ex-
6 perience assessing national rural conditions and providing
7 financing, training, technical assistance, information, and
8 research to local nonprofits, local governments and Indian
9 Tribes serving high need rural communities.

10 HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

11 For the emergency solutions grants program as au-
12 thorized under subtitle B of title IV of the McKinney-
13 Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; the con-
14 tinuum of care program as authorized under subtitle C
15 of title IV of such Act; and the rural housing stability as-
16 sistance program as authorized under subtitle D of title
17 IV of such Act, \$2,145,000,000, to remain available until
18 September 30, 2017: *Provided*, That any rental assistance
19 amounts that are recaptured under such continuum of
20 care program shall remain available until expended: *Pro-*
21 *vided further*, That not less than \$250,000,000 of the
22 funds appropriated under this heading shall be available
23 for such emergency solutions grants program: *Provided*
24 *further*, That not less than \$1,848,000,000 of the funds
25 appropriated under this heading shall be available for such

1 continuum of care and rural housing stability assistance
2 programs: *Provided further*, That up to \$7,000,000 of the
3 funds appropriated under this heading shall be available
4 for the national homeless data analysis project: *Provided*
5 *further*, That all funds awarded for supportive services
6 under the continuum of care program and the rural hous-
7 ing stability assistance program shall be matched by not
8 less than 25 percent in cash or in kind by each grantee:
9 *Provided further*, That a grantee may use State and local
10 funds from any source to satisfy match requirements ap-
11 plicable to funds made available under this heading, so
12 long as the funds are used in accordance with their au-
13 thorized purpose: *Provided further*, That the Secretary
14 may renew on an annual basis expiring contracts or
15 amendments to contracts funded under the continuum of
16 care program if the program is determined to be needed
17 under the applicable continuum of care and meets appro-
18 priate program requirements, performance measures, and
19 financial standards, as determined by the Secretary: *Pro-*
20 *vided further*, That all awards of assistance under this
21 heading shall be required to coordinate and integrate
22 homeless programs with other mainstream health, social
23 services, and employment programs for which homeless
24 populations may be eligible: *Provided further*, That with
25 respect to funds provided under this heading for the con-

1 tinuum of care program for fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2014,
 2 and 2015, provision of permanent housing rental assist-
 3 ance may be administered by private nonprofit organiza-
 4 tions: *Provided further*, That the Department shall notify
 5 grantees of their formula allocation from amounts allo-
 6 cated (which may represent initial or final amounts allo-
 7 cated) for the emergency solutions grant program within
 8 60 days of enactment of this Act.

9 HOUSING PROGRAMS

10 PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

11 For activities and assistance for the provision of
 12 project-based subsidy contracts under the United States
 13 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) (“the
 14 Act”), not otherwise provided for, \$9,346,000,000, to re-
 15 main available until expended, shall be available on Octo-
 16 ber 1, 2014 (in addition to the \$400,000,000 previously
 17 appropriated under this heading that shall be available Oc-
 18 tober 1, 2014), and \$400,000,000, to remain available
 19 until expended, shall be available on October 1, 2015: *Pro-*
 20 *vided*, That the amounts made available under this head-
 21 ing shall be available for expiring or terminating section
 22 8 project-based subsidy contracts (including section 8
 23 moderate rehabilitation contracts), for amendments to sec-
 24 tion 8 project-based subsidy contracts (including section
 25 8 moderate rehabilitation contracts), for contracts entered

1 into pursuant to section 441 of the McKinney-Vento
2 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11401), for renewal
3 of senior preservation rental assistance contracts, as au-
4 thorized by section 811(e) of the American Housing and
5 Economic Opportunity Act of 2000, as amended (12
6 U.S.C. 1701q note), for renewal of section 8 contracts for
7 units in projects that are subject to approved plans of ac-
8 tion under the Emergency Low Income Housing Preserva-
9 tion Act of 1987 or the Low-Income Housing Preservation
10 and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990, and for admin-
11 istrative and other expenses associated with project-based
12 activities and assistance funded under this paragraph:
13 *Provided further*, That of the total amounts provided
14 under this heading, not to exceed \$210,000,000 shall be
15 available for performance-based contract administrators
16 for section 8 project-based assistance, for carrying out 42
17 U.S.C. 1437(f): *Provided further*, That the Secretary of
18 Housing and Urban Development may also use such
19 amounts in the previous proviso for performance-based
20 contract administrators for the administration of: interest
21 reduction payments pursuant to section 236(a) of the Na-
22 tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1(a)); rent supple-
23 ment payments pursuant to section 101 of the Housing
24 and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701s);
25 section 236(f)(2) rental assistance payments (12 U.S.C.

1 1715z-1(f)(2)); project rental assistance contracts for the
2 elderly under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of
3 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q); project rental assistance con-
4 tracts for supportive housing for persons with disabilities
5 under section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-
6 tional Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013(d)(2));
7 project assistance contracts pursuant to section 202(h) of
8 the Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86-372; 73 Stat.
9 667); and loans under section 202 of the Housing Act of
10 1959 (Public Law 86-372; 73 Stat. 667): *Provided fur-*
11 *ther*, That amounts recaptured under this heading, the
12 heading “Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing”, or
13 the heading “Housing Certificate Fund”, may be used for
14 renewals of or amendments to section 8 project-based con-
15 tracts or for performance-based contract administrators,
16 notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts
17 were appropriated: *Provided further*, That, notwith-
18 standing any other provision of law, upon the request of
19 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, project
20 funds that are held in residual receipts accounts for any
21 project subject to a section 8 project-based Housing As-
22 sistance Payments contract that authorizes HUD or a
23 Housing Finance Agency to require that surplus project
24 funds be deposited in an interest-bearing residual receipts
25 account and that are in excess of an amount to be deter-

1 mined by the Secretary, shall be remitted to the Depart-
2 ment and deposited in this account, to be available until
3 expended: *Provided further*, That amounts deposited pur-
4 suant to the previous proviso shall be available in addition
5 to the amount otherwise provided by this heading for uses
6 authorized under this heading.

7 HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

8 For amendments to capital advance contracts for
9 housing for the elderly, as authorized by section 202 of
10 the Housing Act of 1959, as amended, and for project
11 rental assistance for the elderly under section 202(e)(2)
12 of such Act, including amendments to contracts for such
13 assistance and renewal of expiring contracts for such as-
14 sistance for up to a 1-year term, and for senior preserva-
15 tion rental assistance contracts, as authorized by section
16 811(e) of the American Housing and Economic Oppor-
17 tunity Act of 2000, as amended, and for supportive serv-
18 ices associated with the housing, \$420,000,000, to remain
19 available until September 30, 2018: *Provided*, That of the
20 amount provided under this heading, up to \$70,000,000
21 shall be for service coordinators and the continuation of
22 existing congregate service grants for residents of assisted
23 housing projects: *Provided further*, That amounts under
24 this heading shall be available for Real Estate Assessment
25 Center inspections and inspection-related activities associ-

1 ated with section 202 projects: *Provided further*, That the
2 Secretary may waive the provisions of section 202 gov-
3 erning the terms and conditions of project rental assist-
4 ance, except that the initial contract term for such assist-
5 ance shall not exceed 5 years in duration: *Provided further*,
6 That upon request of the Secretary of Housing and Urban
7 Development, project funds that are held in residual re-
8 ceipts accounts for any project subject to a section 202
9 project rental assistance contract, and that upon termi-
10 nation of such contract are in excess of an amount to be
11 determined by the Secretary, shall be remitted to the De-
12 partment and deposited in this account, to be available
13 until September 30, 2018.

14 HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

15 For amendments to capital advance contracts for
16 supportive housing for persons with disabilities, as author-
17 ized by section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Af-
18 fordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013), for project rental
19 assistance for supportive housing for persons with disabil-
20 ities under section 811(d)(2) of such Act and for project
21 assistance contracts pursuant to section 202(h) of the
22 Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86–372; 73 Stat. 667),
23 including amendments to contracts for such assistance
24 and renewal of expiring contracts for such assistance for
25 up to a 1-year term, for project rental assistance to State

1 housing finance agencies and other appropriate entities as
2 authorized under section 811(b)(3) of the Cranston-Gon-
3 zalez National Housing Act, and for supportive services
4 associated with the housing for persons with disabilities
5 as authorized by section 811(b)(1) of such Act,
6 \$135,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
7 2018: *Provided*, That amounts made available under this
8 heading shall be available for Real Estate Assessment
9 Center inspections and inspection-related activities associ-
10 ated with section 811 projects: *Provided further*, That, in
11 this fiscal year, upon the request of the Secretary of Hous-
12 ing and Urban Development, project funds that are held
13 in residual receipts accounts for any project subject to a
14 section 811 project rental assistance contract and that
15 upon termination of such contract are in excess of an
16 amount to be determined by the Secretary shall be remit-
17 ted to the Department and deposited in this account, to
18 be available until September 30, 2018: *Provided further*,
19 That amounts deposited in this account pursuant to the
20 previous proviso shall be available in addition to the
21 amounts otherwise provided by this heading for the pur-
22 poses authorized under this heading: *Provided further*,
23 That unobligated balances, including recaptures and car-
24 ryover, remaining from funds transferred to or appro-
25 priated under this heading may be used for the current

1 purposes authorized under this heading notwithstanding
2 the purposes for which such funds originally were appro-
3 priated.

4 HOUSING COUNSELING ASSISTANCE

5 For contracts, grants, and other assistance excluding
6 loans, as authorized under section 106 of the Housing and
7 Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended,
8 \$49,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
9 2016, including up to \$4,500,000 for administrative con-
10 tract services: *Provided*, That grants made available from
11 amounts provided under this heading shall be awarded
12 within 180 days of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*,
13 That funds shall be used for providing counseling and ad-
14 vice to tenants and homeowners, both current and pro-
15 spective, with respect to property maintenance, financial
16 management/literacy, and such other matters as may be
17 appropriate to assist them in improving their housing con-
18 ditions, meeting their financial needs, and fulfilling the re-
19 sponsibilities of tenancy or homeownership; for program
20 administration; and for housing counselor training.

21 RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE

22 For amendments to contracts under section 101 of
23 the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12
24 U.S.C. 1701s) and section 236(f)(2) of the National
25 Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1) in State-aided, non-

1 insured rental housing projects, \$28,000,000, to remain
2 available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount, to-
3 gether with unobligated balances from recaptured
4 amounts appropriated prior to fiscal year 2006 from ter-
5 minated contracts under such sections of law, and any un-
6 obligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, re-
7 maining from funds appropriated under this heading after
8 fiscal year 2005, shall also be available for extensions of
9 up to one year for expiring contracts under such sections
10 of law.

11 PAYMENT TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING FEES TRUST

12 FUND

13 For necessary expenses as authorized by the National
14 Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Stand-
15 ards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.), up to
16 \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which
17 \$10,000,000 is to be derived from the Manufactured
18 Housing Fees Trust Fund: *Provided*, That not to exceed
19 the total amount appropriated under this heading shall be
20 available from the general fund of the Treasury to the ex-
21 tent necessary to incur obligations and make expenditures
22 pending the receipt of collections to the Fund pursuant
23 to section 620 of such Act: *Provided further*, That the
24 amount made available under this heading from the gen-
25 eral fund shall be reduced as such collections are received

1 during fiscal year 2015 so as to result in a final fiscal
2 year 2015 appropriation from the general fund estimated
3 at not more than zero, and fees pursuant to such section
4 620 shall be modified as necessary to ensure such a final
5 fiscal year 2015 appropriation: *Provided further*, That for
6 the dispute resolution and installation programs, the Sec-
7 retary of Housing and Urban Development may assess
8 and collect fees from any program participant: *Provided*
9 *further*, That such collections shall be deposited into the
10 Fund, and the Secretary, as provided herein, may use such
11 collections, as well as fees collected under section 620, for
12 necessary expenses of such Act: *Provided further*, That,
13 notwithstanding the requirements of section 620 of such
14 Act, the Secretary may carry out responsibilities of the
15 Secretary under such Act through the use of approved
16 service providers that are paid directly by the recipients
17 of their services.

18 FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

19 MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

20 New commitments to guarantee single family loans
21 insured under the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund shall
22 not exceed \$400,000,000,000, to remain available until
23 September 30, 2016: *Provided*, That during fiscal year
24 2015, obligations to make direct loans to carry out the
25 purposes of section 204(g) of the National Housing Act,

1 as amended, shall not exceed \$20,000,000: *Provided fur-*
2 *ther*, That the foregoing amount in the previous proviso
3 shall be for loans to nonprofit and governmental entities
4 in connection with sales of single family real properties
5 owned by the Secretary and formerly insured under the
6 Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund: *Provided further*, That
7 for administrative contract expenses of the Federal Hous-
8 ing Administration, \$145,000,000, to remain available
9 until September 30, 2016: *Provided further*, That to the
10 extent guaranteed loan commitments exceed
11 \$200,000,000,000 on or before April 1, 2015, an addi-
12 tional \$1,400 for administrative contract expenses shall be
13 available for each \$1,000,000 in additional guaranteed
14 loan commitments (including a pro rata amount for any
15 amount below \$1,000,000), but in no case shall funds
16 made available by this proviso exceed \$30,000,000: *Pro-*
17 *vided further*, That receipts from administrative support
18 fees collected pursuant to section 202 of the National
19 Housing Act, as amended by section 240 of this title, shall
20 be credited as offsetting collections to this account.

21 GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM ACCOUNT

22 (INCLUDING RESCISSION)

23 New commitments to guarantee loans insured under
24 the General and Special Risk Insurance Funds, as author-
25 ized by sections 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act

1 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-3 and 1735c), shall not exceed
2 \$30,000,000,000 in total loan principal, any part of which
3 is to be guaranteed, to remain available until September
4 30, 2016: *Provided*, That during fiscal year 2015, gross
5 obligations for the principal amount of direct loans, as au-
6 thorized by sections 204(g), 207(l), 238, and 519(a) of
7 the National Housing Act, shall not exceed \$20,000,000,
8 which shall be for loans to nonprofit and governmental en-
9 tities in connection with the sale of single family real prop-
10 erties owned by the Secretary and formerly insured under
11 such Act: *Provided further*, That \$10,000,000 previously
12 provided under this heading is hereby permanently re-
13 scinded.

14 GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
15 GUARANTEES OF MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES LOAN
16 GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

17 New commitments to issue guarantees to carry out
18 the purposes of section 306 of the National Housing Act,
19 as amended (12 U.S.C. 1721(g)), shall not exceed
20 \$500,000,000,000, to remain available until September
21 30, 2016: *Provided*, That \$24,000,000 shall be available
22 for necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of Gov-
23 ernment National Mortgage Association: *Provided further*,
24 That to the extent that guaranteed loan commitments will
25 and do exceed \$155,000,000,000 on or before April 1,

1 2015, an additional \$100 for necessary salaries and ex-
2 penses shall be available until expended for each
3 \$1,000,000 in additional guaranteed loan commitments
4 (including a pro rata amount for any amount below
5 \$1,000,000), but in no case shall funds made available by
6 this proviso exceed \$3,000,000: *Provided further*, That re-
7 ceipts from Commitment and Multiclass fees collected pur-
8 suant to title III of the National Housing Act, as amend-
9 ed, shall be credited as offsetting collections to this ac-
10 count.

11 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

12 RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

13 For contracts, grants, and necessary expenses of pro-
14 grams of research and studies relating to housing and
15 urban problems, not otherwise provided for, as authorized
16 by title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act
17 of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 et seq.), including carrying
18 out the functions of the Secretary of Housing and Urban
19 Development under section 1(a)(1)(i) of Reorganization
20 Plan No. 2 of 1968, \$46,000,000, to remain available
21 until September 30, 2016: *Provided*, That with respect to
22 amounts made available under this heading, notwith-
23 standing section 204 of this title, the Secretary may enter
24 into cooperative agreements funded with philanthropic en-
25 tities, other Federal agencies, or State or local govern-

1 ments and their agencies for research projects: *Provided*
2 *further*, That with respect to the previous proviso, such
3 partners to the cooperative agreements must contribute at
4 least a 50 percent match toward the cost of the project:
5 *Provided further*, That for non-competitive agreements en-
6 tered into in accordance with the previous two provisos,
7 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall
8 comply with section 2(b) of the Federal Funding Account-
9 ability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–
10 282, 31 U.S.C. note) in lieu of compliance with section
11 102(a)(4)(C) with respect to documentation of award deci-
12 sions.

13 FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

14 FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

15 For contracts, grants, and other assistance, not oth-
16 erwise provided for, as authorized by title VIII of the Civil
17 Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing
18 Amendments Act of 1988, and section 561 of the Housing
19 and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended,
20 \$66,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
21 2016, of which \$40,600,000 shall be to carry out activities
22 pursuant to such section 561: *Provided*, That notwith-
23 standing 31 U.S.C. 3302, the Secretary may assess and
24 collect fees to cover the costs of the Fair Housing Training
25 Academy, and may use such funds to provide such train-

1 ing: *Provided further*, That no funds made available under
 2 this heading shall be used to lobby the executive or legisla-
 3 tive branches of the Federal Government in connection
 4 with a specific contract, grant, or loan: *Provided further*,
 5 That of the funds made available under this heading,
 6 \$300,000 shall be available to the Secretary of Housing
 7 and Urban Development for the creation and promotion
 8 of translated materials and other programs that support
 9 the assistance of persons with limited English proficiency
 10 in utilizing the services provided by the Department of
 11 Housing and Urban Development.

12 OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY

13 HOMES

14 LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION

15 For the Lead Hazard Reduction Program, as author-
 16 ized by section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint
 17 Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, \$110,000,000, to remain
 18 available until September 30, 2016: *Provided*, That up to
 19 \$15,000,000 of that amount shall be for the Healthy
 20 Homes Initiative, pursuant to sections 501 and 502 of the
 21 Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 that shall
 22 include research, studies, testing, and demonstration ef-
 23 forts, including education and outreach concerning lead-
 24 based paint poisoning and other housing-related diseases
 25 and hazards: *Provided further*, That for purposes of envi-

1 ronmental review, pursuant to the National Environ-
2 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and
3 other provisions of the law that further the purposes of
4 such Act, a grant under the Healthy Homes Initiative, or
5 the Lead Technical Studies program under this heading
6 or under prior appropriations Acts for such purposes
7 under this heading, shall be considered to be funds for
8 a special project for purposes of section 305(c) of the Mul-
9 tifamily Housing Property Disposition Reform Act of
10 1994: *Provided further*, That of the total amount made
11 available under this heading, \$45,000,000 shall be made
12 available on a competitive basis for areas with the highest
13 lead paint abatement needs: *Provided further*, That each
14 recipient of funds provided under the third proviso shall
15 make a matching contribution in an amount not less than
16 25 percent: *Provided further*, That each applicant shall
17 certify adequate capacity that is acceptable to the Sec-
18 retary to carry out the proposed use of funds pursuant
19 to a notice of funding availability: *Provided further*, That
20 amounts made available under this heading in this or prior
21 appropriations Acts, and that still remain available, may
22 be used for any purpose under this heading notwith-
23 standing the purpose for which such amounts were appro-
24 priated if a program competition is undersubscribed and

1 there are other program competitions under this heading
2 that are oversubscribed.

3 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND

4 For the development of, modifications to, and infra-
5 structure for Department-wide and program-specific infor-
6 mation technology systems, for the continuing operation
7 and maintenance of both Department-wide and program-
8 specific information systems, and for program-related
9 maintenance activities, \$250,000,000, which shall remain
10 available until September 30, 2016: *Provided*, That any
11 amounts transferred to this Fund under this Act shall re-
12 main available until expended: *Provided further*, That any
13 amounts transferred to this Fund from amounts appro-
14 priated by previously enacted appropriations Acts may be
15 used for the purposes specified under this Fund, in addi-
16 tion to any other information technology purposes for
17 which such amounts were appropriated: *Provided further*,
18 That of the amounts made available under this heading,
19 the amount, as determined by the Secretary, to be used
20 for Development, Modernization, and Enhancement, in-
21 cluding development and deployment of a Next Generation
22 Management System and development and deployment of
23 modernized Federal Housing Administration systems, may
24 not be obligated, except for 25 percent of such amount,
25 until the Secretary submits to the Committees on Appro-

1 priations and the Comptroller General of the United
2 States a plan for expenditure that—(A) provides for all
3 information technology investments: (i) the cost and
4 schedule baselines with explanations for each associated
5 variance, (ii) the status of functional and performance ca-
6 pabilities delivered or planned to be delivered, and (iii)
7 mitigation strategies to address identified risks; (B) out-
8 lines activities to ensure strategic, consistent, and effective
9 application of information technology management con-
10 trols: (i) enterprise architecture, (ii) project management,
11 (iii) investment management, and (iv) human capital man-
12 agement.

13 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

14 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
15 Inspector General in carrying out the Inspector General
16 Act of 1978, as amended, \$129,000,000: *Provided*, That
17 the Inspector General shall have independent authority
18 over all personnel issues within this office.

19 TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 Of the amounts made available in this Act under each
22 of the following headings under this title, the Secretary
23 may transfer to, and merge with, this account up to 0.5
24 percent from each such account, and such transferred
25 amounts shall be available until September 30, 2017, for

1 (1) research, evaluation, and program metrics; (2) pro-
2 gram demonstrations; and (3) technical assistance and ca-
3 pacity building: “Choice Neighborhoods Initiative”, “Com-
4 munity Development Fund”, “Fair Housing Activities”,
5 “Family Self-Sufficiency”, “HOME Investment Partner-
6 ships Program”, “Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership
7 Opportunity Program”, “Housing Counseling Assist-
8 ance”, “Housing for Persons with Disabilities”, “Housing
9 for the Elderly”, “Housing Opportunities for Persons with
10 AIDS”, “Lead Hazard Reduction”, “Mutual Mortgage In-
11 surance Program Account”, “Native American Housing
12 Block Grants”, “Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant”,
13 “Project-Based Rental Assistance”, “Public Housing Cap-
14 ital Fund”, “Public Housing Operating Fund”, “Rental
15 Assistance Demonstration”, “Rental Housing Assist-
16 ance”, and “Tenant-Based Rental Assistance”: *Provided*,
17 That the Secretary may not transfer more than
18 \$40,000,000 to this account under the authority provided
19 in the previous proviso: *Provided further*, That any such
20 amounts, or portion thereof, transferred to this account,
21 may be transferred back to be merged with any such other
22 account and to be available for the same purpose and same
23 time period as provided under this Act: *Provided further*,
24 That with respect to amounts made available under this
25 heading for research, evaluation and program metrics or

1 program demonstrations, notwithstanding section 204 of
2 this title, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agree-
3 ments funded with philanthropic entities, other Federal
4 agencies, or State or local governments and their agencies
5 for research projects: *Provided further*, That with respect
6 to the previous proviso, such partners to the cooperative
7 agreements must contribute at least a 50 percent match
8 toward the cost of the project.

9 GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
10 URBAN DEVELOPMENT

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

12 (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

13 SEC. 201. Fifty percent of the amounts of budget au-
14 thority, or in lieu thereof 50 percent of the cash amounts
15 associated with such budget authority, that are recaptured
16 from projects described in section 1012(a) of the Stewart
17 B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of
18 1988 (42 U.S.C. 1437 note) shall be rescinded or in the
19 case of cash, shall be remitted to the Treasury, and such
20 amounts of budget authority or cash recaptured and not
21 rescinded or remitted to the Treasury shall be used by
22 State housing finance agencies or local governments or
23 local housing agencies with projects approved by the Sec-
24 retary of Housing and Urban Development for which set-
25 tlement occurred after January 1, 1992, in accordance

1 with such section. Notwithstanding the previous sentence,
2 the Secretary may award up to 15 percent of the budget
3 authority or cash recaptured and not rescinded or remitted
4 to the Treasury to provide project owners with incentives
5 to refinance their project at a lower interest rate.

6 SEC. 202. None of the amounts made available under
7 this Act may be used during fiscal year 2015 to investigate
8 or prosecute under the Fair Housing Act any otherwise
9 lawful activity engaged in by one or more persons, includ-
10 ing the filing or maintaining of a nonfrivolous legal action,
11 that is engaged in solely for the purpose of achieving or
12 preventing action by a Government official or entity, or
13 a court of competent jurisdiction.

14 SEC. 203. Sections 203 and 209 of division C of Pub-
15 lic Law 112–55 (125 Stat. 693–694) shall apply during
16 fiscal year 2015 as if such sections were included in this
17 title, except that during such fiscal year such sections shall
18 be applied by substituting “fiscal year 2015” for “fiscal
19 year 2011” and “fiscal year 2012” each place such terms
20 appear.

21 SEC. 204. Except as otherwise explicitly provided in
22 law, any grant, cooperative agreement or other assistance
23 made pursuant to title II of this Act shall be made on
24 a competitive basis and in accordance with section 102

1 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development
2 Reform Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 3545).

3 SEC. 205. Funds of the Department of Housing and
4 Urban Development subject to the Government Corpora-
5 tion Control Act or section 402 of the Housing Act of
6 1950 shall be available, without regard to the limitations
7 on administrative expenses, for legal services on a contract
8 or fee basis, and for utilizing and making payment for
9 services and facilities of the Federal National Mortgage
10 Association, Government National Mortgage Association,
11 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Fi-
12 nancing Bank, Federal Reserve banks or any member
13 thereof, Federal Home Loan banks, and any insured bank
14 within the meaning of the Federal Deposit Insurance Cor-
15 poration Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1811–1).

16 SEC. 206. Unless otherwise provided for in this Act
17 or through a reprogramming of funds, no part of any ap-
18 propriation for the Department of Housing and Urban
19 Development shall be available for any program, project
20 or activity in excess of amounts set forth in the budget
21 estimates submitted to Congress.

22 SEC. 207. Corporations and agencies of the Depart-
23 ment of Housing and Urban Development which are sub-
24 ject to the Government Corporation Control Act are here-
25 by authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits

1 of funds and borrowing authority available to each such
2 corporation or agency and in accordance with law, and to
3 make such contracts and commitments without regard to
4 fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of such
5 Act as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set
6 forth in the budget for 2015 for such corporation or agen-
7 cy except as hereinafter provided: *Provided*, That collec-
8 tions of these corporations and agencies may be used for
9 new loan or mortgage purchase commitments only to the
10 extent expressly provided for in this Act (unless such loans
11 are in support of other forms of assistance provided for
12 in this or prior appropriations Acts), except that this pro-
13 viso shall not apply to the mortgage insurance or guaranty
14 operations of these corporations, or where loans or mort-
15 gage purchases are necessary to protect the financial in-
16 terest of the United States Government.

17 SEC. 208. The Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
18 velopment shall provide quarterly reports to the House
19 and Senate Committees on Appropriations regarding all
20 uncommitted, unobligated, recaptured and excess funds in
21 each program and activity within the jurisdiction of the
22 Department and shall submit additional, updated budget
23 information to these Committees upon request.

24 SEC. 209. The President's formal budget request for
25 fiscal year 2016, as well as the Department of Housing

1 and Urban Development's congressional budget justifica-
2 tions to be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations
3 of the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall use
4 the identical account and sub-account structure provided
5 under this Act.

6 SEC. 210. A public housing agency or such other enti-
7 ty that administers Federal housing assistance for the
8 Housing Authority of the county of Los Angeles, Cali-
9 fornia, and the States of Alaska, Iowa, and Mississippi
10 shall not be required to include a resident of public hous-
11 ing or a recipient of assistance provided under section 8
12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 on the board
13 of directors or a similar governing board of such agency
14 or entity as required under section (2)(b) of such Act.
15 Each public housing agency or other entity that admin-
16 isters Federal housing assistance under section 8 for the
17 Housing Authority of the county of Los Angeles, Cali-
18 fornia and the States of Alaska, Iowa and Mississippi that
19 chooses not to include a resident of public housing or a
20 recipient of section 8 assistance on the board of directors
21 or a similar governing board shall establish an advisory
22 board of not less than six residents of public housing or
23 recipients of section 8 assistance to provide advice and
24 comment to the public housing agency or other admin-
25 istering entity on issues related to public housing and sec-

1 tion 8. Such advisory board shall meet not less than quar-
2 terly.

3 SEC. 211. No funds provided under this title may be
4 used for an audit of the Government National Mortgage
5 Association that makes applicable requirements under the
6 Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.).

7 SEC. 212. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
8 of law, subject to the conditions listed under this section,
9 for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, the Secretary of Housing
10 and Urban Development may authorize the transfer of
11 some or all project-based assistance, debt held or insured
12 by the Secretary and statutorily required low-income and
13 very low-income use restrictions if any, associated with one
14 or more multifamily housing project or projects to another
15 multifamily housing project or projects.

16 (b) PHASED TRANSFERS.—Transfers of project-
17 based assistance under this section may be done in phases
18 to accommodate the financing and other requirements re-
19 lated to rehabilitating or constructing the project or
20 projects to which the assistance is transferred, to ensure
21 that such project or projects meet the standards under
22 subsection (c).

23 (c) The transfer authorized in subsection (a) is sub-
24 ject to the following conditions:

25 (1) NUMBER AND BEDROOM SIZE OF UNITS.—

1 (A) For occupied units in the transferring
2 project: the number of low-income and very low-
3 income units and the configuration (i.e., bed-
4 room size) provided by the transferring project
5 shall be no less than when transferred to the re-
6 ceiving project or projects and the net dollar
7 amount of Federal assistance provided to the
8 transferring project shall remain the same in
9 the receiving project or projects.

10 (B) For unoccupied units in the transfer-
11 ring project: the Secretary may authorize a re-
12 duction in the number of dwelling units in the
13 receiving project or projects to allow for a re-
14 configuration of bedroom sizes to meet current
15 market demands, as determined by the Sec-
16 retary and provided there is no increase in the
17 project-based assistance budget authority.

18 (2) The transferring project shall, as deter-
19 mined by the Secretary, be either physically obsolete
20 or economically nonviable.

21 (3) The receiving project or projects shall meet
22 or exceed applicable physical standards established
23 by the Secretary.

24 (4) The owner or mortgagor of the transferring
25 project shall notify and consult with the tenants re-

1 siding in the transferring project and provide a cer-
2 tification of approval by all appropriate local govern-
3 mental officials.

4 (5) The tenants of the transferring project who
5 remain eligible for assistance to be provided by the
6 receiving project or projects shall not be required to
7 vacate their units in the transferring project or
8 projects until new units in the receiving project are
9 available for occupancy.

10 (6) The Secretary determines that this transfer
11 is in the best interest of the tenants.

12 (7) If either the transferring project or the re-
13 ceiving project or projects meets the condition speci-
14 fied in subsection (d)(2)(A), any lien on the receiv-
15 ing project resulting from additional financing ob-
16 tained by the owner shall be subordinate to any
17 FHA-insured mortgage lien transferred to, or placed
18 on, such project by the Secretary, except that the
19 Secretary may waive this requirement upon deter-
20 mination that such a waiver is necessary to facilitate
21 the financing of acquisition, construction, and/or re-
22 habilitation of the receiving project or projects.

23 (8) If the transferring project meets the re-
24 quirements of subsection (d)(2), the owner or mort-
25 gator of the receiving project or projects shall exe-

1 cute and record either a continuation of the existing
2 use agreement or a new use agreement for the
3 project where, in either case, any use restrictions in
4 such agreement are of no lesser duration than the
5 existing use restrictions.

6 (9) The transfer does not increase the cost (as
7 defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget
8 Act of 1974, as amended) of any FHA-insured
9 mortgage, except to the extent that appropriations
10 are provided in advance for the amount of any such
11 increased cost.

12 (d) For purposes of this section—

13 (1) the terms “low-income” and “very low-in-
14 come” shall have the meanings provided by the stat-
15 ute and/or regulations governing the program under
16 which the project is insured or assisted;

17 (2) the term “multifamily housing project”
18 means housing that meets one of the following con-
19 ditions—

20 (A) housing that is subject to a mortgage
21 insured under the National Housing Act;

22 (B) housing that has project-based assist-
23 ance attached to the structure including
24 projects undergoing mark to market debt re-

1 structuring under the Multifamily Assisted
2 Housing Reform and Affordability Housing Act;

3 (C) housing that is assisted under section
4 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended
5 by section 801 of the Cranston-Gonzales Na-
6 tional Affordable Housing Act;

7 (D) housing that is assisted under section
8 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as such sec-
9 tion existed before the enactment of the Cran-
10 ston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act;

11 (E) housing that is assisted under section
12 811 of the Cranston-Gonzales National Afford-
13 able Housing Act; or

14 (F) housing or vacant land that is subject
15 to a use agreement;

16 (3) the term “project-based assistance”
17 means—

18 (A) assistance provided under section 8(b)
19 of the United States Housing Act of 1937;

20 (B) assistance for housing constructed or
21 substantially rehabilitated pursuant to assist-
22 ance provided under section 8(b)(2) of such Act
23 (as such section existed immediately before Oc-
24 tober 1, 1983);

1 (C) rent supplement payments under sec-
2 tion 101 of the Housing and Urban Develop-
3 ment Act of 1965;

4 (D) interest reduction payments under sec-
5 tion 236 and/or additional assistance payments
6 under section 236(f)(2) of the National Hous-
7 ing Act;

8 (E) assistance payments made under sec-
9 tion 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959; and

10 (F) assistance payments made under sec-
11 tion 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-
12 tional Affordable Housing Act;

13 (4) the term “receiving project or projects”
14 means the multifamily housing project or projects to
15 which some or all of the project-based assistance,
16 debt, and statutorily required low-income and very
17 low-income use restrictions are to be transferred;

18 (5) the term “transferring project” means the
19 multifamily housing project which is transferring
20 some or all of the project-based assistance, debt, and
21 the statutorily required low-income and very low-in-
22 come use restrictions to the receiving project or
23 projects; and

24 (6) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
25 of Housing and Urban Development.

1 (e) PUBLIC NOTICE AND RESEARCH REPORT.—

2 (1) The Secretary shall publish by notice in the
3 Federal Register the terms and conditions, including
4 criteria for HUD approval, of transfers pursuant to
5 this section no later than 30 days before the effec-
6 tive date of such notice.

7 (2) The Secretary shall conduct an evaluation
8 of the transfer authority under this section, includ-
9 ing the effect of such transfers on the operational ef-
10 ficiency, contract rents, physical and financial condi-
11 tions, and long-term preservation of the affected
12 properties.

13 SEC. 213. (a) No assistance shall be provided under
14 section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
15 U.S.C. 1437f) to any individual who—

16 (1) is enrolled as a student at an institution of
17 higher education (as defined under section 102 of
18 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
19 1002));

20 (2) is under 24 years of age;

21 (3) is not a veteran;

22 (4) is unmarried;

23 (5) does not have a dependent child;

24 (6) is not a person with disabilities, as such
25 term is defined in section 3(b)(3)(E) of the United

1 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
2 1437a(b)(3)(E)) and was not receiving assistance
3 under such section 8 as of November 30, 2005; and
4 (7) is not otherwise individually eligible, or has
5 parents who, individually or jointly, are not eligible,
6 to receive assistance under section 8 of the United
7 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f).

8 (b) For purposes of determining the eligibility of a
9 person to receive assistance under section 8 of the United
10 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), any finan-
11 cial assistance (in excess of amounts received for tuition
12 and any other required fees and charges) that an indi-
13 vidual receives under the Higher Education Act of 1965
14 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), from private sources, or an insti-
15 tution of higher education (as defined under the Higher
16 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), shall be consid-
17 ered income to that individual, except for a person over
18 the age of 23 with dependent children.

19 SEC. 214. The funds made available for Native Alas-
20 kans under the heading “Native American Housing Block
21 Grants” in title II of this Act shall be allocated to the
22 same Native Alaskan housing block grant recipients that
23 received funds in fiscal year 2005.

24 SEC. 215. Notwithstanding the limitation in the first
25 sentence of section 255(g) of the National Housing Act

1 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-20(g)), the Secretary of Housing and
2 Urban Development may, until September 30, 2015, in-
3 sure and enter into commitments to insure mortgages
4 under such section 255.

5 SEC. 216. Notwithstanding any other provision of
6 law, in fiscal year 2015, in managing and disposing of any
7 multifamily property that is owned or has a mortgage held
8 by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and
9 during the process of foreclosure on any property with a
10 contract for rental assistance payments under section 8
11 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 or other Fed-
12 eral programs, the Secretary shall maintain any rental as-
13 sistance payments under section 8 of the United States
14 Housing Act of 1937 and other programs that are at-
15 tached to any dwelling units in the property. To the extent
16 the Secretary determines, in consultation with the tenants
17 and the local government, that such a multifamily prop-
18 erty owned or held by the Secretary is not feasible for con-
19 tinued rental assistance payments under such section 8
20 or other programs, based on consideration of (1) the costs
21 of rehabilitating and operating the property and all avail-
22 able Federal, State, and local resources, including rent ad-
23 justments under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted
24 Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997
25 (“MAHRAA”) and (2) environmental conditions that can-

1 not be remedied in a cost-effective fashion, the Secretary
2 may, in consultation with the tenants of that property,
3 contract for project-based rental assistance payments with
4 an owner or owners of other existing housing properties,
5 or provide other rental assistance. The Secretary shall also
6 take appropriate steps to ensure that project-based con-
7 tracts remain in effect prior to foreclosure, subject to the
8 exercise of contractual abatement remedies to assist relo-
9 cation of tenants for imminent major threats to health and
10 safety after written notice to and informed consent of the
11 affected tenants and use of other available remedies, such
12 as partial abatements or receivership. After disposition of
13 any multifamily property described under this section, the
14 contract and allowable rent levels on such properties shall
15 be subject to the requirements under section 524 of
16 MAHRAA.

17 SEC. 217. Section 108 of the Housing and Commu-
18 nity Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5308) is amend-
19 ed—

20 (1) in subsection (a) by inserting “States on be-
21 half of non-entitlement communities,” after “issued
22 by eligible public entities,”;

23 (2) by striking subsection (k) and inserting the
24 following:

1 “(k) The Secretary shall monitor the use by eligible
2 public entities and States of commitment amounts author-
3 ized in appropriation Acts for any fiscal year. If the Sec-
4 retary finds that 50 percent of the annual commitment
5 amount has been committed, the Secretary may impose
6 a limitation on the amount of guarantees any one entity
7 may receive in any fiscal year of \$35,000,000 for units
8 of general local government receiving grants under section
9 106(b) or States receiving grants under section 106(d)
10 and \$7,000,000 for units of general local government re-
11 ceiving grants under section 106(d); or request the enact-
12 ment of legislation increasing the annual commitment au-
13 thority for guarantees under this section.”; and

14 (3) by striking subsection (m) and inserting the
15 following new subsection:

16 “(m) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO LOCAL GOVERN-
17 MENTS IN NON-ENTITLEMENT AREAS.—Any State receiv-
18 ing a guarantee or commitment on behalf of non-entitle-
19 ment areas shall distribute all funds that are subject to
20 such guarantee to the units of general local government
21 in non-entitlement areas that received the commitment.”.

22 SEC. 218. Public housing agencies that own and oper-
23 ate 400 or fewer public housing units may elect to be ex-
24 empt from any asset management requirement imposed by
25 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in con-

1 nection with the operating fund rule: *Provided*, That an
2 agency seeking a discontinuance of a reduction of subsidy
3 under the operating fund formula shall not be exempt
4 from asset management requirements.

5 SEC. 219. With respect to the use of amounts pro-
6 vided in this Act and in future Acts for the operation, cap-
7 ital improvement and management of public housing as
8 authorized by sections 9(d) and 9(e) of the United States
9 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(d) and (e)), the
10 Secretary shall not impose any requirement or guideline
11 relating to asset management that restricts or limits in
12 any way the use of capital funds for central office costs
13 pursuant to section 9(g)(1) or 9(g)(2) of the United States
14 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(g)(1), (2)): *Pro-*
15 *vided*, That a public housing agency may not use capital
16 funds authorized under section 9(d) for activities that are
17 eligible under section 9(e) for assistance with amounts
18 from the operating fund in excess of the amounts per-
19 mitted under section 9(g)(1) or 9(g)(2), unless otherwise
20 specified under this title.

21 SEC. 220. No official or employee of the Department
22 of Housing and Urban Development shall be designated
23 as an allotment holder unless the Office of the Chief Fi-
24 nancial Officer has determined that such allotment holder
25 has implemented an adequate system of funds control and

1 has received training in funds control procedures and di-
2 rectives. The Chief Financial Officer shall ensure that
3 there is a trained allotment holder for each HUD sub-
4 office under the accounts “Executive Offices” and “Ad-
5 ministrative Support Offices,” as well as each account re-
6 ceiving appropriations for “Program Office Salaries and
7 Expenses”, “Government National Mortgage Associa-
8 tion—Guarantees of Mortgage-Backed Securities Loan
9 Guarantee Program Account”, and “Office of Inspector
10 General” within the Department of Housing and Urban
11 Development.

12 SEC. 221. The Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
13 velopment shall report annually to the House and Senate
14 Committees on Appropriations on the status of all section
15 8 project-based housing, including the number of all
16 project-based units by region as well as an analysis of all
17 federally subsidized housing being refinanced under the
18 Mark-to-Market program. The Secretary shall identify all
19 existing units maintained by region as section 8 project-
20 based units, all project-based units that have opted out
21 or have otherwise been eliminated, and the reasons these
22 units opted out or otherwise were lost as section 8 project-
23 based units.

24 SEC. 222. The Secretary of the Department of Hous-
25 ing and Urban Development shall, for fiscal year 2015 and

1 subsequent fiscal years, notify the public through the Fed-
2 eral Register and other means, as determined appropriate,
3 of the issuance of a notice of the availability of assistance
4 or notice of funding availability (NOFA) for any program
5 or discretionary fund administered by the Secretary that
6 is to be competitively awarded. Notwithstanding any other
7 provision of law, for fiscal year 2015 and subsequent fiscal
8 years, the Secretary may make the NOFA available only
9 on the Internet at the appropriate Government Web site
10 or through other electronic media, as determined by the
11 Secretary.

12 SEC. 223. Payment of attorney fees in program-re-
13 lated litigation must be paid from the individual program
14 office and Office of General Counsel personnel funding.
15 The annual budget submissions for program offices and
16 Office of General Counsel personnel funding must include
17 program-related litigation costs for attorney fees as a sep-
18 arate line item request.

19 SEC. 224. The Secretary of the Department of Hous-
20 ing and Urban Development is authorized to transfer up
21 to 5 percent or \$5,000,000, whichever is less, of the funds
22 appropriated for any office funded under the heading “Ad-
23 ministrative Support Offices” to any other office funded
24 under such heading: *Provided*, That no appropriation for
25 any office funded under the heading “Administrative Sup-

1 port Offices” shall be increased or decreased by more than
2 5 percent or \$5,000,000, whichever is less, without prior
3 written approval of the House and Senate Committees on
4 Appropriations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary is
5 authorized to transfer up to 5 percent or \$5,000,000,
6 whichever is less, of the funds appropriated for any ac-
7 count funded under the general heading “Program Office
8 Salaries and Expenses” to any other account funded
9 under such heading: *Provided further*, That no appropria-
10 tion for any account funded under the general heading
11 “Program Office Salaries and Expenses” shall be in-
12 creased or decreased by more than 5 percent or
13 \$5,000,000, whichever is less, without prior written ap-
14 proval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-
15 tions: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may transfer
16 funds made available for salaries and expenses between
17 any office funded under the heading “Administrative Sup-
18 port Offices” and any account funded under the general
19 heading “Program Office Salaries and Expenses”, but
20 only with the prior written approval of the House and Sen-
21 ate Committees on Appropriations.

22 SEC. 225. The Disaster Housing Assistance Pro-
23 grams, administered by the Department of Housing and
24 Urban Development, shall be considered a “program of
25 the Department of Housing and Urban Development”

1 under section 904 of the McKinney Act for the purpose
2 of income verifications and matching.

3 SEC. 226. (a) The Secretary of Housing and Urban
4 Development shall take the required actions under sub-
5 section (b) when a multifamily housing project with a sec-
6 tion 8 contract or contract for similar project-based assist-
7 ance:

8 (1) receives a Real Estate Assessment Center
9 (REAC) score of 30 or less; or

10 (2) receives a REAC score between 31 and 59
11 and:

12 (A) fails to certify in writing to HUD with-
13 in 60 days that all deficiencies have been cor-
14 rected; or

15 (B) receives consecutive scores of less than
16 60 on REAC inspections.

17 Such requirements shall apply to insured and noninsured
18 projects with assistance attached to the units under sec-
19 tion 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
20 1437f), but do not apply to such units assisted under sec-
21 tion 8(o)(13) (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)) or to public hous-
22 ing units assisted with capital or operating funds under
23 section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
24 U.S.C. 1437g).

1 (b) The Secretary shall take the following required
2 actions as authorized under subsection (a)—

3 (1) The Secretary shall notify the owner and
4 provide an opportunity for response within 30 days.
5 If the violations remain, the Secretary shall develop
6 a Compliance, Disposition and Enforcement Plan
7 within 60 days, with a specified timetable for cor-
8 recting all deficiencies. The Secretary shall provide
9 notice of the Plan to the owner, tenants, the local
10 government, any mortgagees, and any contract ad-
11 ministrators.

12 (2) At the end of the term of the Compliance,
13 Disposition and Enforcement Plan, if the owner fails
14 to fully comply with such plan, the Secretary may
15 require immediate replacement of project manage-
16 ment with a management agent approved by the
17 Secretary, and shall take one or more of the fol-
18 lowing actions, and provide additional notice of those
19 actions to the owner and the parties specified above:

20 (A) impose civil money penalties;

21 (B) abate the section 8 contract, including
22 partial abatement, as determined by the Sec-
23 retary, until all deficiencies have been corrected;

24 (C) pursue transfer of the project to an
25 owner, approved by the Secretary under estab-

1 lished procedures, which will be obligated to
2 promptly make all required repairs and to ac-
3 cept renewal of the assistance contract as long
4 as such renewal is offered; or

5 (D) seek judicial appointment of a receiver
6 to manage the property and cure all project de-
7 ficiencies or seek a judicial order of specific per-
8 formance requiring the owner to cure all project
9 deficiencies.

10 (c) The Secretary shall also take appropriate steps
11 to ensure that project-based contracts remain in effect,
12 subject to the exercise of contractual abatement remedies
13 to assist relocation of tenants for imminent major threats
14 to health and safety after written notice to and informed
15 consent of the affected tenants and use of other remedies
16 set forth above. To the extent the Secretary determines,
17 in consultation with the tenants and the local government,
18 that the property is not feasible for continued rental as-
19 sistance payments under such section 8 or other programs,
20 based on consideration of (1) the costs of rehabilitating
21 and operating the property and all available Federal,
22 State, and local resources, including rent adjustments
23 under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing
24 Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (“MAHRAA”) and
25 (2) environmental conditions that cannot be remedied in

1 a cost-effective fashion, the Secretary may, in consultation
2 with the tenants of that property, contract for project-
3 based rental assistance payments with an owner or owners
4 of other existing housing properties, or provide other rent-
5 al assistance. The Secretary shall report semi-annually on
6 all properties covered by this section that are assessed
7 through the Real Estate Assessment Center and have
8 physical inspection scores of less than 30 or have consecu-
9 tive physical inspection scores of less than 60. The report
10 shall include:

11 (1) The enforcement actions being taken to ad-
12 dress such conditions, including imposition of civil
13 money penalties and termination of subsidies, and
14 identify properties that have such conditions mul-
15 tiple times; and

16 (2) Actions that the Department of Housing
17 and Urban Development is taking to protect tenants
18 of such identified properties.

19 SEC. 227. None of the funds made available by this
20 Act, or any other Act, for purposes authorized under sec-
21 tion 8 (only with respect to the tenant-based rental assist-
22 ance program) and section 9 of the United States Housing
23 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.), may be used by
24 any public housing agency for any amount of salary, in-
25 cluding bonuses, for the chief executive officer of which,

1 or any other official or employee of which, that exceeds
2 the annual rate of basic pay payable for a position at level
3 IV of the Executive Schedule at any time during any pub-
4 lic housing agency fiscal year 2015.

5 SEC. 228. Section 24 of the United States Housing
6 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (m)(1), by striking “fiscal
8 year” and all that follows through the period at the
9 end and inserting “fiscal year 2015.”; and

10 (2) in subsection (o), by striking “September”
11 and all that follows through the period at the end
12 and inserting “September 30, 2015.”.

13 SEC. 229. Of the amounts made available for salaries
14 and expenses under all accounts under this title (except
15 for the Office of Inspector General account), a total of
16 up to \$10,000,000 may be transferred to and merged with
17 amounts made available in the “Information Technology
18 Fund” account under this title.

19 SEC. 230. None of the funds in this Act may be avail-
20 able for the doctoral dissertation research grant program
21 at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

22 SEC. 231. The language under the heading Rental
23 Assistance Demonstration in the Department of Housing
24 and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public
25 Law 112–55), is amended—

1 (1) by striking “(except for funds allocated
2 under such section for single room occupancy dwell-
3 ings as authorized by title IV of the McKinney-
4 Vento Homeless Assistance Act)” in both places it
5 appears;

6 (2) in the second proviso, by striking “2015”
7 and inserting “2018”;

8 (3) in the third proviso, after “associated with
9 such conversion”, by inserting “in excess of amounts
10 made available under this heading”;

11 (4) in the fourth proviso, by striking “60,000”
12 and inserting “185,000”;

13 (5) in the penultimate proviso, by—

14 (A) striking “December 31, 2014” and in-
15 serting “2016”;

16 (B) striking “and agreement of the admin-
17 istering public housing agency”; and

18 (C) inserting “a long-term project-based
19 subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act,
20 which shall have a term of no less than 20
21 years, with rent adjustments only by an oper-
22 ating cost factor established by the Secretary,
23 which shall be eligible for renewal under section
24 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Re-
25 form and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C.

1 1437f note), or, subject to agreement of the ad-
2 ministering public housing agency, to assistance
3 under” following “vouchers to assistance
4 under”;

5 (6) by inserting the following provisos before
6 the final proviso: “*Provided further*, That amounts
7 made available under the heading ‘Rental Housing
8 Assistance’ during the period of conversion under
9 the previous proviso, which may extend beyond fiscal
10 year 2016 as necessary to allow processing of all
11 timely applications, shall be available for project-
12 based subsidy contracts entered into pursuant to the
13 previous proviso: *Provided further*, That amounts, in-
14 cluding contract authority, recaptured from con-
15 tracts following a conversion under the previous two
16 provisos are hereby rescinded and an amount of ad-
17 ditional new budget authority, equivalent to the
18 amount rescinded is hereby appropriated, to remain
19 available until expended for such conversions: *Pro-*
20 *vided further*, That the Secretary may transfer
21 amounts made available under the heading ‘Rental
22 Housing Assistance’, amounts made available for
23 tenant protection vouchers under the heading ‘Ten-
24 ant-Based Rental Assistance’ and specifically associ-
25 ated with any such conversions, and amounts made

1 available under the previous proviso as needed to the
2 account under the ‘Project-Based Rental Assistance’
3 heading to facilitate conversion under the three pre-
4 vious provisos and any increase in cost for ‘Project-
5 Based Rental Assistance’ associated with such con-
6 version shall be equal to amounts so transferred.”;
7 and

8 (7) in the final proviso, by—

9 (A) striking “with respect to the previous
10 proviso” and inserting “with respect to the pre-
11 vious four provisos”; and

12 (B) striking “impact of the previous pro-
13 viso” and inserting “impact of the fiscal year
14 2012 and 2013 conversion of tenant protection
15 vouchers to assistance under section 8(o)(13) of
16 the Act”.

17 SEC. 232. None of the funds in this Act provided to
18 the Department of Housing and Urban Development may
19 be used to make a grant award unless the Secretary noti-
20 fies the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations
21 not less than 3 full business days before any project,
22 State, locality, housing authority, tribe, nonprofit organi-
23 zation, or other entity selected to receive a grant award
24 is announced by the Department or its offices.

1 SEC. 233. Section 579 of the Multifamily Assisted
 2 Housing Reform and Affordability Act (MAHRA) of 1997
 3 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) is amended by striking “October
 4 1, 2015” each place it appears and inserting in lieu there-
 5 of “October 1, 2018”.

6 SEC. 234. Section 9 of the United States Housing
 7 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) is amended by—

8 (a) Inserting at the end of subsection (j)—

9 “(7) TREATMENT OF REPLACEMENT RE-
 10 SERVE.—The requirements of this subsection shall
 11 not apply to funds held in replacement reserves es-
 12 tablished in subsection (9)(n).”; and

13 (b) Inserting at the end of subsection (m)—

14 “(n) ESTABLISHMENT OF REPLACEMENT RE-
 15 SERVES.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Public Housing authorities
 17 shall be permitted to establish a Replacement Re-
 18 serve to fund any of the capital activities listed in
 19 subparagraph (d)(1).

20 “(2) SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR RE-
 21 PLACEMENT RESERVE.—At any time, a public hous-
 22 ing authority may deposit funds from that agency’s
 23 Capital Fund into a Replacement Reserve subject to
 24 the following:

1 “(A) At the discretion of the Secretary,
2 PHAs may be allowed to transfer and hold in
3 a Replacement Reserve, funds originating from
4 additional sources.

5 “(B) No minimum transfer of funds to a
6 Replacement Reserve shall be required.

7 “(C) At any time, a public housing author-
8 ity may not hold in a Replacement Reserve
9 more than the amount the public housing au-
10 thority has determined necessary to satisfy the
11 anticipated capital needs of properties in its
12 portfolio assisted under 42 U.S.C. 1437g as
13 outlined in its Capital Fund 5 Year Action
14 Plan, or a comparable plan, as determined by
15 the Secretary.

16 “(D) The Secretary may establish by regu-
17 lation a maximum replacement reserve level or
18 levels that are below amounts determined under
19 subparagraph (C), which may be based upon
20 the size of the portfolio assisted under 42
21 U.S.C. 1437g or other factors.

22 “(3) In first establishing a replacement reserve,
23 the Secretary may allow public housing agencies to
24 transfer more than 20 percent of its operating funds
25 into its replacement reserve.

1 “(4) EXPENDITURE.—Funds in a Replacement
2 Reserve may be used for purposes authorized by
3 subparagraph (d)(1) and contained in its Capital
4 Fund 5 Year Action Plan.

5 “(5) MANAGEMENT AND REPORT.—The Sec-
6 retary shall establish appropriate accounting and re-
7 porting requirements to ensure that public housing
8 agencies are spending funding on eligible projects
9 and that funding in the reserve is connected to cap-
10 ital needs.”.

11 SEC. 235. Section 9(g)(1) of the United States Hous-
12 ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(g)) is amended by—

13 (1) inserting “(A)” immediately after the para-
14 graph designation;

15 (2) by striking the period and inserting the fol-
16 lowing at the end: “; and”; and

17 (3) insert the following new paragraph:

18 “(B) FLEXIBILITY FOR OPERATING FUND
19 AMOUNTS.—Of any amounts appropriated for
20 fiscal year 2015 or any fiscal year thereafter
21 that are allocated for fiscal year 2015 or any
22 fiscal year thereafter from the Operating Fund
23 for any public housing agency, the agency may
24 use not more than 20 percent for activities that
25 are eligible under subsection (d) for assistance

1 with amounts from the Capital Fund, but only
2 if the public housing plan for the agency pro-
3 vides for such use.”.

4 SEC. 236. (a) Subsection (b) of section 225 of the
5 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42
6 U.S.C. 12755) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new sentence: “Such 30-day waiting period is not
8 required if the grounds for the termination or refusal to
9 renew involve a direct threat to the safety of the tenants
10 or employees of the housing, or an imminent and serious
11 threat to the property (and the termination or refusal to
12 renew is in accordance with the requirements of State or
13 local law).”.

14 (b) Section 104(6) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National
15 Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12704) is amended by
16 adding at the end of the undesignated matter after sub-
17 paragraph (D) the following sentence: “In the case of an
18 organization funded by the State under title II of this Act,
19 the organization may serve all counties within the State.”.

20 SEC. 237. (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of
21 Housing and Urban Development (referred to in this sec-
22 tion as the “Secretary”) shall establish a demonstration
23 program under which, during the period beginning on the
24 date of enactment of this Act, and ending on September
25 30, 2017, the Secretary may enter into budget-neutral,

1 performance-based agreements that result in a reduction
2 in energy or water costs with such entities as the Secretary
3 determines to be appropriate under which the entities shall
4 carry out projects for energy or water conservation im-
5 provements at not more than 20,000 residential units in
6 multifamily buildings participating in—

7 (1) the project-based rental assistance program
8 under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of
9 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), other than assistance pro-
10 vided under section 8(o) of that Act;

11 (2) the supportive housing for the elderly pro-
12 gram under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959
13 (12 U.S.C. 1701q); or

14 (3) the supportive housing for persons with dis-
15 abilities program under section 811(d)(2) of the
16 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act
17 (42 U.S.C. 8013(d)(2)).

18 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—

19 (1) PAYMENTS CONTINGENT ON SAVINGS.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
21 provide to an entity a payment under an agree-
22 ment under this section only during applicable
23 years for which an energy or water cost savings
24 is achieved with respect to the applicable multi-
25 family portfolio of properties, as determined by

1 the Secretary, in accordance with subparagraph
2 (B).

3 (B) PAYMENT METHODOLOGY.—

4 (i) IN GENERAL.—Each agreement
5 under this section shall include a pay-for-
6 success provision—

7 (I) that will serve as a payment
8 threshold for the term of the agree-
9 ment; and

10 (II) pursuant to which the De-
11 partment of Housing and Urban De-
12 velopment shall share a percentage of
13 the savings at a level determined by
14 the Secretary that is sufficient to
15 cover the administrative costs of car-
16 rying out this section.

17 (ii) LIMITATIONS.—A payment made
18 by the Secretary under an agreement
19 under this section shall—

20 (I) be contingent on documented
21 utility savings; and

22 (II) not exceed the utility savings
23 achieved by the date of the payment,
24 and not previously paid, as a result of

1 the improvements made under the
2 agreement.

3 (C) THIRD PARTY VERIFICATION.—Savings
4 payments made by the Secretary under this sec-
5 tion shall be based on a measurement and
6 verification protocol that includes at least—

7 (i) establishment of a weather-normal-
8 ized and occupancy-normalized utility con-
9 sumption baseline established preretrofit;

10 (ii) annual third party confirmation of
11 actual utility consumption and cost for
12 owner-paid utilities;

13 (iii) annual third party validation of
14 the tenant utility allowances in effect dur-
15 ing the applicable year and vacancy rates
16 for each unit type; and

17 (iv) annual third party determination
18 of savings to the Secretary.

19 (2) TERM.—The term of an agreement under
20 this section shall be not longer than 12 years.

21 (3) ENTITY ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary
22 shall—

23 (A) establish a competitive process for en-
24 tering into agreements under this section; and

1 (B) enter into such agreements only with
2 entities that demonstrate significant experience
3 relating to—

4 (i) financing and operating properties
5 receiving assistance under a program de-
6 scribed in subsection (a);

7 (ii) oversight of energy and water con-
8 servation programs, including oversight of
9 contractors; and

10 (iii) raising capital for energy and
11 water conservation improvements from
12 charitable organizations or private inves-
13 tors.

14 (4) GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSITY.—Each agree-
15 ment entered into under this section shall provide
16 for the inclusion of properties with the greatest fea-
17 sible regional and State variance.

18 (c) PLAN AND REPORTS.—

19 (1) PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after the
20 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
21 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the
22 House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed
23 plan for the implementation of this section.

1 (2) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, and annually there-
3 after, the Secretary shall—

4 (A) conduct an evaluation of the program
5 under this section; and

6 (B) submit to Congress a report describing
7 each evaluation conducted under subparagraph
8 (A).

9 (d) FUNDING.—For each fiscal year during which an
10 agreement under this section is in effect, the Secretary
11 may use to carry out this section any funds appropriated
12 to the Secretary for the renewal of contracts under a pro-
13 gram described in subsection (a).

14 SEC. 238. Section 11 of the Housing Opportunity
15 Program Extension Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 12805 note)
16 is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (b)(1) after “new dwellings”
18 insert “or the rehabilitation of existing dwellings”;

19 (2) in subsection (b)(2) after “new” insert “or
20 rehabilitated”;

21 (3) in subsection (d)(1) after “dwellings” insert
22 “or rehabilitating existing dwellings to make them
23 decent, safe and sanitary”;

24 (4) in subsection (d)(2) by inserting at the end
25 the following new subparagraph:

1 “(C) PLANNING, ADMINISTRATION, AND
2 MANAGEMENT.—Planning, administration, and
3 management of grant programs and activities,
4 provided that such expenses do not exceed 20
5 percent of any grant made under this section.”;

6 (5) in subsection (i)(5) by—

7 (A) striking “24” and inserting “36”; and

8 (B) striking “except that” and all that fol-
9 lows through “such grant amounts”;

10 (6) in subsection (j) by—

11 (A) inserting after the heading “(1) RE-
12 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—”;

13 (B) striking “24” and inserting “36”;

14 (C) striking “(or, in the case” and all that
15 follows through “within 36 months)”;

16 (D) inserting at the end the following new
17 paragraph:

18 “(2) DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION AND CON-
19 VEYANCE.—The Secretary shall establish a deadline
20 (which may be extended for good cause as deter-
21 mined by the Secretary) by which time all units that
22 have been assisted with grant funds under this sec-
23 tion must be completed and conveyed.”.

24 (7) by striking subsection (q).

1 SEC. 239. Section 184(h)(1)(B) of the Housing and
2 Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–
3 13a(h)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting after the first sen-
4 tence the following: “Exhausting all reasonable possibili-
5 ties of collection by the holder of the guarantee shall in-
6 clude a good faith consideration of loan modification as
7 well as meeting standards for servicing loans in default,
8 as determined by the Secretary.”.

9 SEC. 240. Section 202 of the National Housing Act
10 (12 U.S.C. 1708) is amended by adding at the end the
11 following new subsection:

12 “(i) ADMINISTRATION.—Notwithstanding any provi-
13 sion of law, and in addition to any other fees charged in
14 connection with the provision of insurance under this title,
15 in each fiscal year the Secretary may charge and collect
16 a fee not to exceed 4 basis points of the original principal
17 balance of mortgages originated by the mortgagee that
18 were insured under this title during the previous fiscal
19 year. Such fee collected from each mortgagee shall be used
20 as offsetting collections for part of the administrative con-
21 tract expenses funding and any necessary salaries and ex-
22 penses funding provided under the Mutual Mortgage In-
23 surance Program Account under this title. The Secretary
24 may establish the amount of such fee through regulations,

1 notice, Mortgagee Letter, or other administrative
2 issuance.”.

3 SEC. 241. Paragraph (1) of section 8(c) of the United
4 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) by inserting “(A)” after the paragraph des-
7 ignation;

8 (2) by striking the fourth, seventh, eighth, and
9 ninth sentences; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(B) PUBLICATION OF FAIR MARKET
12 RENTALS.—Not less than annually:

13 “(i) The Secretary shall publish a no-
14 tice in the Federal Register that proposed
15 fair market rentals for an area have been
16 published on the site of the Department on
17 the Internet and in any other manner spec-
18 ified by the Secretary. Such notice shall
19 describe proposed material changes in the
20 methodology for estimating fair market
21 rentals and shall provide reasonable time
22 for public comment.

23 “(ii) The Secretary shall publish a no-
24 tice in the Federal Register that final fair
25 market rentals have been published on the

1 site of the Department on the internet and
2 in any other manner specified by the Sec-
3 retary. Such notice shall include the final
4 decisions regarding proposed substantial
5 methodological changes for estimating fair
6 market rentals and responses to public
7 comments.”.

8 SEC. 242. Of the unobligated balances, including re-
9 captures and carryover, remaining from funds appro-
10 priated to the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-
11 opment under the heading “Brownfields Redevelopment”,
12 \$2,913,000 is hereby permanently rescinded: *Provided*,
13 That of the unobligated balances, including recaptures and
14 carryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the De-
15 partment of Housing and Urban Development under the
16 heading “Rural Housing and Economic Development”,
17 \$2,300,000 is hereby permanently rescinded: *Provided fur-*
18 *ther*, That all unobligated balances, including recaptures
19 and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the
20 Department of Housing and Urban Development under
21 the heading “Drug Elimination Grants for Low Income
22 Housing” are hereby permanently rescinded: *Provided fur-*
23 *ther*, That all unobligated balances, including recaptures
24 and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the
25 Department of Housing and Urban Development for

1 Youthbuild program activities authorized by subtitle D of
2 title IV of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable
3 Housing Act are hereby permanently rescinded.

4 SEC. 243. Such sums as may be necessary to imple-
5 ment the Homeowners Armed With Knowledge pilot shall
6 be absorbed within the levels appropriated in this act.

7 SEC. 244. Section 106 of the Housing and Urban De-
8 velopment Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701x) is amended by
9 adding at the end the following new subsection:

10 “(j) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—For purposes of this
11 section, the Secretary may enter into multiyear agree-
12 ments as is appropriate, subject to the availability of an-
13 nual appropriations.”

14 SEC. 245. Section 526 (12 U.S.C. 1735f–4) of the
15 National Housing Act is amended by inserting at the end
16 of subsection (b)—

17 “(c) The Secretary may establish an exception to any
18 minimum property standard established under this section
19 in order to address alternative water systems, including
20 cisterns, which meet requirements of State and local build-
21 ing codes that ensure health and safety standards.”

22 SEC. 246. Notwithstanding section 106(c)(4) of the
23 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the
24 Secretary additionally shall provide assistance pursuant to
25 such section to any State for use by any nonentitlement

1 area of any such State in which there was a major disaster
2 declared by the President under the Robert T. Stafford
3 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in 2014:
4 *Provided*, That the Secretary shall issue a notice with re-
5 spect to any such assistance for States within 45 days of
6 enactment of this Act.

7 This title may be cited as the “Department of Hous-
8 ing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2015”.

9 TITLE III

10 RELATED AGENCIES

11 ACCESS BOARD

12 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

13 For expenses necessary for the Access Board, as au-
14 thorized by section 502 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,
15 as amended, \$7,548,000: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding
16 any other provision of law, there may be credited to this
17 appropriation funds received for publications and training
18 expenses.

19 FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

20 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

21 For necessary expenses of the Federal Maritime
22 Commission as authorized by section 201(d) of the Mer-
23 chant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 307), in-
24 cluding services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109; hire of
25 passenger motor vehicles as authorized by 31 U.S.C.

1 1343(b); and uniforms or allowances therefore, as author-
2 ized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902, \$25,660,000: *Provided*, That
3 not to exceed \$2,000 shall be available for official recep-
4 tion and representation expenses: *Provided further*, That,
5 notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Federal
6 Maritime Commission is authorized to collect user fees in
7 this fiscal year and may retain up to \$300,000 per fiscal
8 year of such fees for necessary and authorized expenses
9 under this heading.

10 NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

11 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

12 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

13 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
14 General for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation
15 to carry out the provisions of the Inspector General Act
16 of 1978, as amended, \$23,499,000: *Provided*, That the In-
17 spector General shall have all necessary authority, in car-
18 rying out the duties specified in the Inspector General Act,
19 as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 3), to investigate allegations
20 of fraud, including false statements to the government (18
21 U.S.C. 1001), by any person or entity that is subject to
22 regulation by the National Railroad Passenger Corpora-
23 tion: *Provided further*, That the Inspector General may
24 enter into contracts and other arrangements for audits,
25 studies, analyses, and other services with public agencies

1 and with private persons, subject to the applicable laws
2 and regulations that govern the obtaining of such services
3 within the National Railroad Passenger Corporation: *Pro-*
4 *vided further*, That the Inspector General may select, ap-
5 point, and employ such officers and employees as may be
6 necessary for carrying out the functions, powers, and du-
7 ties of the Office of Inspector General, subject to the appli-
8 cable laws and regulations that govern such selections, ap-
9 pointments, and employment within Amtrak: *Provided fur-*
10 *ther*, That concurrent with the President's budget request
11 for fiscal year 2016, the Inspector General shall submit
12 to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations
13 a budget request for fiscal year 2016 in similar format
14 and substance to those submitted by executive agencies
15 of the Federal Government.

16 NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

17 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

18 For necessary expenses of the National Transpor-
19 tation Safety Board, including hire of passenger motor ve-
20 hicles and aircraft; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C.
21 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per
22 diem rate equivalent to the rate for a GS-15; uniforms,
23 or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C.
24 5901-5902), \$103,981,000, of which not to exceed \$2,000
25 may be used for official reception and representation ex-

1 penses. The amounts made available to the National
2 Transportation Safety Board in this Act include amounts
3 necessary to make lease payments on an obligation in-
4 curred in fiscal year 2001 for a capital lease.

5 NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION
6 PAYMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT
7 CORPORATION

8 For payment to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Cor-
9 poration for use in neighborhood reinvestment activities,
10 as authorized by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corpora-
11 tion Act (42 U.S.C. 8101–8107), \$136,600,000, of which
12 \$5,000,000 shall be for a multi-family rental housing pro-
13 gram: *Provided*, That in addition, \$50,000,000 shall be
14 made available until expended to the Neighborhood Rein-
15 vestment Corporation for mortgage foreclosure mitigation
16 activities, under the following terms and conditions:

17 (1) The Neighborhood Reinvestment Corpora-
18 tion (“NRC”) shall make grants to counseling inter-
19 mediaries approved by the Department of Housing
20 and Urban Development (HUD) (with match to be
21 determined by the NRC based on affordability and
22 the economic conditions of an area; a match also
23 may be waived by the NRC based on the aforemen-
24 tioned conditions) to provide mortgage foreclosure
25 mitigation assistance primarily to States and areas

1 with high rates of defaults and foreclosures to help
2 eliminate the default and foreclosure of mortgages of
3 owner-occupied single-family homes that are at risk
4 of such foreclosure. Other than areas with high rates
5 of defaults and foreclosures, grants may also be pro-
6 vided to approved counseling intermediaries based on
7 a geographic analysis of the United States by the
8 NRC which determines where there is a prevalence
9 of mortgages that are risky and likely to fail, includ-
10 ing any trends for mortgages that are likely to de-
11 fault and face foreclosure. A State Housing Finance
12 Agency may also be eligible where the State Housing
13 Finance Agency meets all the requirements under
14 this paragraph. A HUD-approved counseling inter-
15 mediary shall meet certain mortgage foreclosure
16 mitigation assistance counseling requirements, as de-
17 termined by the NRC, and shall be approved by
18 HUD or the NRC as meeting these requirements.

19 (2) Mortgage foreclosure mitigation assistance
20 shall only be made available to homeowners of
21 owner-occupied homes with mortgages in default or
22 in danger of default. These mortgages shall likely be
23 subject to a foreclosure action and homeowners will
24 be provided such assistance that shall consist of ac-
25 tivities that are likely to prevent foreclosures and re-

1 sult in the long-term affordability of the mortgage
2 retained pursuant to such activity or another posi-
3 tive outcome for the homeowner. No funds made
4 available under this paragraph may be provided di-
5 rectly to lenders or homeowners to discharge out-
6 standing mortgage balances or for any other direct
7 debt reduction payments.

8 (3) The use of mortgage foreclosure mitigation
9 assistance by approved counseling intermediaries
10 and State Housing Finance Agencies shall involve a
11 reasonable analysis of the borrower's financial situa-
12 tion, an evaluation of the current value of the prop-
13 erty that is subject to the mortgage, counseling re-
14 garding the assumption of the mortgage by another
15 non-Federal party, counseling regarding the possible
16 purchase of the mortgage by a non-Federal third
17 party, counseling and advice of all likely restruc-
18 turing and refinancing strategies or the approval of
19 a work-out strategy by all interested parties.

20 (4) NRC may provide up to 15 percent of the
21 total funds under this paragraph to its own charter
22 members with expertise in foreclosure prevention
23 counseling, subject to a certification by the NRC
24 that the procedures for selection do not consist of
25 any procedures or activities that could be construed

1 as a conflict of interest or have the appearance of
2 impropriety.

3 (5) HUD-approved counseling entities and
4 State Housing Finance Agencies receiving funds
5 under this paragraph shall have demonstrated expe-
6 rience in successfully working with financial institu-
7 tions as well as borrowers facing default, delin-
8 quency, and foreclosure, as well as documented
9 counseling capacity, outreach capacity, past success-
10 ful performance and positive outcomes with docu-
11 mented counseling plans (including post mortgage
12 foreclosure mitigation counseling), loan workout
13 agreements, and loan modification agreements. NRC
14 may use other criteria to demonstrate capacity in
15 underserved areas.

16 (6) Of the total amount made available under
17 this paragraph, up to \$2,500,000 may be made
18 available to build the mortgage foreclosure and de-
19 fault mitigation counseling capacity of counseling
20 intermediaries through NRC training courses with
21 HUD-approved counseling intermediaries and their
22 partners, except that private financial institutions
23 that participate in NRC training shall pay market
24 rates for such training.

1 by striking section 209 and in section 204(a) by striking
2 “level V” and inserting “level IV”.

3 TITLE IV

4 GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT

5 SEC. 401. None of the funds in this Act shall be used
6 for the planning or execution of any program to pay the
7 expenses of, or otherwise compensate, non-Federal parties
8 intervening in regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings
9 funded in this Act.

10 SEC. 402. None of the funds appropriated in this Act
11 shall remain available for obligation beyond the current
12 fiscal year, nor may any be transferred to other appropria-
13 tions, unless expressly so provided herein.

14 SEC. 403. The expenditure of any appropriation
15 under this Act for any consulting service through a pro-
16 curement contract pursuant to section 3109 of title 5,
17 United States Code, shall be limited to those contracts
18 where such expenditures are a matter of public record and
19 available for public inspection, except where otherwise pro-
20 vided under existing law, or under existing Executive order
21 issued pursuant to existing law.

22 SEC. 404. (a) None of the funds made available in
23 this Act may be obligated or expended for any employee
24 training that—

1 (1) does not meet identified needs for knowl-
2 edge, skills, and abilities bearing directly upon the
3 performance of official duties;

4 (2) contains elements likely to induce high lev-
5 els of emotional response or psychological stress in
6 some participants;

7 (3) does not require prior employee notification
8 of the content and methods to be used in the train-
9 ing and written end of course evaluation;

10 (4) contains any methods or content associated
11 with religious or quasi-religious belief systems or
12 “new age” belief systems as defined in Equal Em-
13 ployment Opportunity Commission Notice N-
14 915.022, dated September 2, 1988; or

15 (5) is offensive to, or designed to change, par-
16 ticipants’ personal values or lifestyle outside the
17 workplace.

18 (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit, restrict, or
19 otherwise preclude an agency from conducting training
20 bearing directly upon the performance of official duties.

21 SEC. 405. Except as otherwise provided in this Act,
22 none of the funds provided in this Act, provided by pre-
23 vious appropriations Acts to the agencies or entities fund-
24 ed in this Act that remain available for obligation or ex-
25 penditure in fiscal year 2015, or provided from any ac-

1 counts in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees
2 and available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be
3 available for obligation or expenditure through a re-
4 programming of funds that:

5 (1) creates a new program;

6 (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;

7 (3) increases funds or personnel for any pro-
8 gram, project, or activity for which funds have been
9 denied or restricted by the Congress;

10 (4) proposes to use funds directed for a specific
11 activity by either the House or Senate Committees
12 on Appropriations for a different purpose;

13 (5) augments existing programs, projects, or ac-
14 tivities in excess of \$5,000,000 or 10 percent, which-
15 ever is less;

16 (6) reduces existing programs, projects, or ac-
17 tivities by \$5,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is
18 less; or

19 (7) creates, reorganizes, or restructures a
20 branch, division, office, bureau, board, commission,
21 agency, administration, or department different from
22 the budget justifications submitted to the Commit-
23 tees on Appropriations or the table accompanying
24 the explanatory statement accompanying this Act,
25 whichever is more detailed, unless prior approval is

1 received from the House and Senate Committees on
2 Appropriations: *Provided*, That not later than 60
3 days after the date of enactment of this Act, each
4 agency funded by this Act shall submit a report to
5 the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and
6 of the House of Representatives to establish the
7 baseline for application of reprogramming and trans-
8 fer authorities for the current fiscal year: *Provided*
9 *further*, That the report shall include:

10 (A) a table for each appropriation with a
11 separate column to display the prior year en-
12 acted level, the President's budget request, ad-
13 justments made by Congress, adjustments due
14 to enacted rescissions, if appropriate, and the
15 fiscal year enacted level;

16 (B) a delineation in the table for each ap-
17 propriation and its respective prior year enacted
18 level by object class and program, project, and
19 activity as detailed in the budget appendix for
20 the respective appropriation; and

21 (C) an identification of items of special
22 congressional interest: *Provided further*, That
23 the amount appropriated or limited for salaries
24 and expenses for an agency shall be reduced by
25 \$100,000 per day for each day after the re-

1 required date that the report has not been sub-
2 mitted to the Congress.

3 SEC. 406. Except as otherwise specifically provided
4 by law, not to exceed 50 percent of unobligated balances
5 remaining available at the end of fiscal year 2015 from
6 appropriations made available for salaries and expenses
7 for fiscal year 2015 in this Act, shall remain available
8 through September 30, 2016, for each such account for
9 the purposes authorized: *Provided*, That a request shall
10 be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Ap-
11 propriations for approval prior to the expenditure of such
12 funds: *Provided further*, That these requests shall be made
13 in compliance with reprogramming guidelines under sec-
14 tion 405 of this Act.

15 SEC. 407. No funds in this Act may be used to sup-
16 port any Federal, State, or local projects that seek to use
17 the power of eminent domain, unless eminent domain is
18 employed only for a public use: *Provided*, That for pur-
19 poses of this section, public use shall not be construed to
20 include economic development that primarily benefits pri-
21 vate entities: *Provided further*, That any use of funds for
22 mass transit, railroad, airport, seaport or highway
23 projects, as well as utility projects which benefit or serve
24 the general public (including energy-related, communica-
25 tion-related, water-related and wastewater-related infra-

1 structure), other structures designated for use by the gen-
2 eral public or which have other common-carrier or public-
3 utility functions that serve the general public and are sub-
4 ject to regulation and oversight by the government, and
5 projects for the removal of an immediate threat to public
6 health and safety or brownfields as defined in the Small
7 Business Liability Relief and Brownsfield Revitalization
8 Act (Public Law 107–118) shall be considered a public
9 use for purposes of eminent domain.

10 SEC. 408. All Federal agencies and departments that
11 are funded under this Act shall issue a report to the House
12 and Senate Committees on Appropriations on all sole-
13 source contracts in effect during the preceding fiscal year
14 by no later than March 30, 2015. Such report shall in-
15 clude the contractor, the amount of the contract and the
16 rationale for using a sole-source contract.

17 SEC. 409. None of the funds made available in this
18 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-
19 strumentality of the United States Government, except
20 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-
21 vided in, this Act or any other appropriations Act.

22 SEC. 410. No part of any appropriation contained in
23 this Act shall be available to pay the salary for any person
24 filling a position, other than a temporary position, for-
25 merly held by an employee who has left to enter the Armed

1 Forces of the United States and has satisfactorily com-
2 pleted his or her period of active military or naval service,
3 and has within 90 days after his or her release from such
4 service or from hospitalization continuing after discharge
5 for a period of not more than 1 year, made application
6 for restoration to his or her former position and has been
7 certified by the Office of Personnel Management as still
8 qualified to perform the duties of his or her former posi-
9 tion and has not been restored thereto.

10 SEC. 411. No funds appropriated pursuant to this
11 Act may be expended by an entity unless the entity agrees
12 that in expending the assistance the entity will comply
13 with sections 2 through 4 of the Buy American Act (41
14 U.S.C. 10a–10c).

15 SEC. 412. No funds appropriated or otherwise made
16 available under this Act shall be made available to any
17 person or entity that has been convicted of violating the
18 Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. 10a–10c).

19 SEC. 413. None of the funds made available in this
20 Act may be used for first-class airline accommodations in
21 contravention of sections 301–10.122 and 301–10.123 of
22 title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

23 SEC. 414. None of the funds made available under
24 this Act or any prior Act may be provided to the Associa-
25 tion of Community Organizations for Reform Now

1 (ACORN), or any of its affiliates, subsidiaries, or allied
2 organizations.

3 SEC. 415. None of the funds made available by this
4 Act may be used to enter into a contract, memorandum
5 of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, make a
6 grant to, or provide a loan or loan guarantee to any cor-
7 poration that was convicted of a felony criminal violation
8 under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months,
9 where the awarding agency is aware of the conviction, un-
10 less the agency has considered suspension or debarment
11 of the corporation and has made a determination that this
12 further action is not necessary to protect the interests of
13 the Government.

14 SEC. 416. None of the funds made available by this
15 Act may be used to enter into a contract, memorandum
16 of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, make a
17 grant to, or provide a loan or loan guarantee to, any cor-
18 poration with any unpaid Federal tax liability that has
19 been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative
20 remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that
21 is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agree-
22 ment with the authority responsible for collecting the tax
23 liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid
24 tax liability, unless the agency has considered suspension
25 or debarment of the corporation and has made a deter-

1 mination that this further action is not necessary to pro-
2 tect the interests of the Government.

3 SEC. 417. It is the sense of the Congress that the
4 Congress should not pass any legislation that authorizes
5 spending cuts that would increase poverty in the United
6 States.

7 SEC. 418. All agencies and departments funded by
8 the Act shall send to Congress at the end of the fiscal
9 year a report containing a complete inventory of the total
10 number of vehicles owned, leased, permanently retired,
11 and purchased during fiscal year 2015, as well as the total
12 cost of the vehicle fleet, including maintenance, fuel, stor-
13 age, purchasing, and leasing.

14 SEC. 419. None of the funds made available by this
15 Act may be used to pay for the painting of a portrait of
16 an officer or employee of the Federal Government, includ-
17 ing the head of an Executive branch agency, as defined
18 in section 133 of title 41, U.S.C.

19 SEC. 420. (a) The head of any Executive branch de-
20 partment, agency, board, commission, or office funded by
21 this Act shall submit annual reports to the Inspector Gen-
22 eral or senior ethics official for any entity without an In-
23 spector General, regarding the costs and contracting pro-
24 cedures related to each conference held by any such de-
25 partment, agency, board, commission, or office during fis-

1 cal year 2015 for which the cost to the United States Gov-
2 ernment was more than \$100,000.

3 (b) Each report submitted shall include, for each con-
4 ference described in subsection (a) held during the applica-
5 ble period—

6 (1) a description of its purpose;

7 (2) the number of participants attending;

8 (3) a detailed statement of the costs to the
9 United States Government, including—

10 (A) the cost of any food or beverages;

11 (B) the cost of any audio-visual services;

12 (C) the cost of employee or contractor
13 travel to and from the conference; and

14 (D) a discussion of the methodology used
15 to determine which costs relate to the con-
16 ference; and

17 (4) a description of the contracting procedures
18 used including—

19 (A) whether contracts were awarded on a
20 competitive basis; and

21 (B) a discussion of any cost comparison
22 conducted by the departmental component or
23 office in evaluating potential contractors for the
24 conference.

1 (c) Within 15 days of the date of a conference held
2 by any Executive branch department, agency, board, com-
3 mission, or office funded by this Act during fiscal year
4 2015 for which the cost to the United States Government
5 was more than \$20,000, the head of any such department,
6 agency, board, commission, or office shall notify the In-
7 spector General or senior ethics official for any entity
8 without an Inspector General, of the date, location, and
9 number of employees attending such conference.

10 (d) A grant or contract funded by amounts appro-
11 priated by this Act to an Executive branch agency may
12 not be used for the purpose of defraying the costs of a
13 conference described in subsection (c) that is not directly
14 and programmatically related to the purpose for which the
15 grant or contract was awarded, such as a conference held
16 in connection with planning, training, assessment, review,
17 or other routine purposes related to a project funded by
18 the grant or contract.

19 (e) None of the funds made available in this Act may
20 be used for travel and conference activities that are not
21 in compliance with Office of Management and Budget
22 Memorandum M-12-12 dated May 11, 2012.

23 SEC. 421. None of the funds made available in this
24 Act may be used to send or otherwise pay for the attend-
25 ance of more than 50 employees of a single agency or de-

1 partment of the United States Government, who are sta-
2 tioned in the United States, at any single international
3 conference unless the relevant Secretary reports to the
4 Committees on Appropriations at least 5 days in advance
5 that such attendance is important to the national interest:
6 *Provided*, That for purposes of this section the term
7 “international conference” shall mean a conference occur-
8 ring outside of the United States attended by representa-
9 tives of the United States Government and of foreign gov-
10 ernments, international organizations, or nongovern-
11 mental organizations.

12 SEC. 422. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
13 of this Act and except as provided in subsection (b), any
14 report required to be submitted by a Federal agency to
15 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate or the
16 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
17 tives under this Act shall be posted on the public Web
18 site of that agency 30 days following its receipt by the
19 committee.

20 (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a report if—

21 (1) the public posting of the report com-
22 promises national security; or

23 (2) the report contains proprietary information.

24 SEC. 423. Each department funded by this Act shall
25 submit a report by March 1st providing a detailed sum-

1 mary of advertising by the department in the prior fiscal
2 year, including the total amount spent. The report shall
3 also include:

4 (1) a description of the purpose and intent of
5 the advertising (such as promoting awareness of a
6 program, promoting services or participation, or
7 public relations to improve the attitudes about a pro-
8 gram or agency);

9 (2) a breakdown of the costs of advertising by
10 medium, including on-line (with a specific total for
11 social media), brochures, billboards, sponsorships
12 (including the list of all sponsorships), television,
13 mail, and newspaper; and

14 (3) the cost of development, production, and
15 staffing, including the amount spent on the salaries
16 of department employees and payments to contrac-
17 tors and consultants.

18 SEC. 424. None of the funds made available in this
19 Act may be used to make bonus awards to contractors for
20 work on projects that are behind schedule or over budget.

21 SEC. 425. None of the funds in this Act may be used
22 for premium travel by an agency that did not provide a
23 report on premium travel to GSA in the prior fiscal year.

24 SEC. 426. Each department funded by this Act shall
25 submit a report by March 2, 2015, detailing its efforts

1 to address the duplication identified in the annual reports
2 on duplication issued by the Government Accountability
3 Office, along with legal barriers preventing the depart-
4 ment's ability to further reduce duplication.

5 SEC. 427. None of the funds made available in this
6 Act may be used to purchase a light bulb for an office
7 building unless the light bulb has, to the extent prac-
8 ticable, an Energy Star or Federal Energy Management
9 Program designation.

10 SEC. 428. Any Federal agency or department that is
11 funded under this Act shall respond to any recommenda-
12 tion made to such agency or department by the Govern-
13 ment Accountability Office in a timely manner.

14 This Act may be cited as the "Transportation, Hous-
15 ing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appro-
16 priations Act, 2015".

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A BILL

Making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

JUNE 5, 2014

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