

CARE IS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY ACT

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Mr. DEFAZIO, from the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 5547]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 5547) to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to require eligible recipients of certain grants to develop a comprehensive economic development strategy that directly or indirectly increases the accessibility of affordable, quality care-based services, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

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The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Care is an Economic Development Strategy Act” or the “CEDS Act”.

SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 302(a)(3)(A) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3162(a)(3)(A)) is amended—

(1) by striking “and” before “balances resources”; and

(2) by inserting “, and directly or indirectly increases the accessibility of affordable, quality care-based services, including child care, early childhood education, disability and long-term care, and elder care” after “sound management of development”.

(b) GUIDANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce shall issue guidance on implementing the amendments made by subsection (a), to include how to increase access to the affordable, quality care-based services described in section 302(a)(3)(A) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3162(a)(3)(A)) in a comprehensive economic development strategy developed under section 302 of such Act.

(2) EXISTING COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES.—In issuing the guidance under paragraph (1), with respect to a grant recipient whose comprehensive economic development strategy has been approved under section 302 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3162) before the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall ensure that such grant recipient is only required to update such comprehensive economic development strategy to comply with the amendments made by this Act when a regularly scheduled update to such comprehensive economic development strategy is required.

SEC. 3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION CARES ACT FUNDING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not more than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the inspector general of the Department of Commerce shall submit to Congress a report on the activities and outcomes of economic adjustment assistance funding provided by the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

(b) CONTENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) each recipient that received economic adjustment assistance funding from such Act; and

(2) the corresponding project that received economic adjustment assistance funding from the CARES Act.

PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of H.R. 5547, as amended, is to amend the *Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965* to require eligible recipients of certain grants to develop a comprehensive economic development strategy that directly or indirectly increases the accessibility of affordable, quality care-based services.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

In order to receive grants for public works and economic adjustment assistance, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) requires eligible recipients to have a comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS).¹ The CEDS is a strategy-driven plan for regional economic development designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region. At a minimum, a CEDS must include a summary of the economic conditions of the region, a skills, weakness, opportunities, and threats analysis, an action plan, and an evaluation framework.² The CEDS must also foster effective transportation access, maximize effective development and use of the workforce consistent

¹ See 42 U.S.C. 3162(a).

² See 13 C.F.R. § 303.7.

with applicable State or local workforce investment strategies, promote the use of technology in economic development, enhance and protect the environment, and balance resources through sound management of development.³

For millions of Americans, caring for a child or parent is an obstacle to obtaining full time employment.⁴ According to the U.S. Census Bureau’s Household Pulse Survey, over 7.5 million respondents attributed caring for a child who was not in school or daycare as the main reason they were not employed.⁵ An additional 1.9 million respondents cited the lack of elder care.⁶

H.R. 5547 would add access to affordable, quality care-based services to the considerations required in CEDS development. Incorporation of these considerations would only be required as part of a regularly scheduled CEDS update.

HEARINGS

For the purposes of rule XIII, clause 3(c)(6)(A) of the 117th Congress, the following hearing was used to develop or consider H.R. 5547:

On April 28, 2021, the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing titled “Investing in America: Reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration.” The Subcommittee received testimony from two panels consisting of the following: Panel I—Mr. Dennis Alvord, Acting Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, U.S. Department of Commerce; Panel II—Ms. Lisa Cooper, Executive Director, Northern Kentucky Area Development District, testifying on behalf of the National Association of Development Organizations; Mr. Garrett Hawkins, President, Missouri Farm Bureau, testifying on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Mr. Jonas Peterson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance, testifying on behalf of the International Economic Development Council; Hon. Lenny Eliason, Commissioner, Athens County, Ohio, testifying on behalf of the National Association of Counties; and Mr. Dan Carol, Director, Milken Institute for Financial Markets, testifying on his own behalf. This hearing examined the importance of reauthorizing the EDA, its programs and activities supporting economic growth in distressed communities, and the role EDA plays in recovering from disasters, including the COVID–19 pandemic.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND CONSIDERATION

H.R. 5547 was introduced in the House on October 8, 2021, by Ms. Williams of Georgia and Mr. Young of Alaska and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Financial Services. Within the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, H.R. 5547 was referred to the Sub-

³ See 42 U.S.C 3162(a)(3)(A).

⁴ See generally “Lack of Child Care Associated with Higher Unemployment among Women Compared to Men”, Boston University School of Public Health (June 25, 2021), available at <https://www.bu.edu/sph/news/articles/2021/lack-of-child-care-associated-with-higher-unemployment-among-women-compared-to-men/> and “Want to Grow the Economy? Fix the Child Care Crisis”, Council For A Strong America (January 16, 2019), available at <https://www.strongnation.org/articles/780-want-to-grow-the-economy-fix-the-child-care-crisis>.

⁵ U.S. Census Bureau Week 33 Household Pulse Survey, Employment Table 3. July 14, 2021.

⁶ *Id.*

committee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5547 on October 27, 2021.

The Committee considered H.R. 5547 on October 27, 2021, and ordered the measure to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by a record vote of 60 yeas and 4 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 85).

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment offered by Mr. Perry (#1); was NOT AGREED TO by a record vote of 17 yeas and 45 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 82).

At the end of the bill, add a new section entitled “Sec. ____ . Effective Date.”

An amendment offered by Mr. Perry (#2); was NOT AGREED TO by a record vote of 14 yeas and 47 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 83).

At the end of the bill, add a new section entitled “Sec. ____ . Grants for Public Works and Economic Development.”

An amendment offered by Mr. Perry (#3); was AGREED TO by voice vote.

At the end of the bill, add a new section entitled “Sec. ____ . Economic Development Administration CARES Act Funding.”

An amendment offered by Mr. Perry (#4); was NOT AGREED TO by voice vote.

At the end of the bill, add a new section entitled “Sec. ____ . Economic Development Administration CARES Act Funding.”

An amendment offered by Mr. Perry (#5); was NOT AGREED TO by a record vote of 38 yeas and 24 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 84).

At the end of the bill, add a new section entitled “Sec. ____ . GAO Study.”

COMMITTEE VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each record vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against.

An amendment offered by Mr. Perry (#1); was NOT AGREED TO by a record vote of 17 yeas and 45 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 82). The vote was follows:

Vote: 82—Yea 17, Nay 45

On: Amendment #1 offered by Mr. Perry

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Mr. DeFazio	Nay	Mr. Graves of MO	Nay
Ms. Norton	Nay	Mr. Young	Yea
Ms. Johnson of TX	Nay	Mr. Crawford	Yea
Mr. Larsen of WA	Nay	Mr. Gibbs	Nay
Mrs. Napolitano	Nay	Mr. Webster	Yea
Mr. Cohen	Nay	Mr. Massie	Yea
Mr. Sires	Nay	Mr. Perry	Yea
Mr. Garamendi	Nay	Mr. Rodney Davis of IL	Nay
Mr. Johnson of GA	Nay	Mr. Katko	Nay
Mr. Carson	Nay	Mr. Babin	Yea
Ms. Titus	Nay	Mr. Graves of LA	Yea
Mr. Maloney of NY	Nay	Mr. Rouzer	Yea
Mr. Huffman	Nay	Mr. Bost	Nay

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Ms. Brownley	Nay	Mr. Weber of TX	Yea
Ms. Wilson of FL	Nay	Mr. LaMalfa	Yea
Mr. Payne	Nay	Mr. Westerman	Yea
Mr. Lowenthal	Nay	Mr. Mast	Yea
Mr. DeSaulnier	Nay	Mr. Gallagher	Nay
Mr. Lynch	Nay	Mr. Fitzpatrick	Nay
Mr. Carbajal	Nay	<i>Miss González-Colón</i> .....	.....
Mr. Brown	Nay	Mr. Balderson	Nay
Mr. Malinowski .....	.....	Mr. Stauber	Nay
Mr. Stanton	Nay	Mr. Burchett	Yea
Mr. Allred	Nay	Mr. Johnson of SD	Yea
Ms. Davids of KS	Nay	Mr. Van Drew	Nay
Mr. Garcia of IL	Nay	Mr. Guest	Yea
Mr. Delgado	Nay	Mr. Nehls	Yea
Mr. Pappas	Nay	Ms. Mace .....	.....
Mr. Lamb	Nay	Ms. Malliotakis	Nay
Mr. Moulton	Nay	Ms. Van Duynes .....	.....
Mr. Auchincloss	Nay	Mr. Gimenez	Nay
Ms. Bourdeaux	Nay	Mrs. Steel	Yea
Mr. Kahele .....	.....	
Ms. Strickland	Yea		
Ms. Williams of GA	Nay		
Ms. Newman	Nay		
Mr. Carter	Nay		

An amendment offered by Mr. Perry (#2); was NOT AGREED TO by a record vote of 14 yeas and 47 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 83).
The vote was as follows:

Vote: 83—Yea 14, Nay 47

On: Amendment #2 offered by Mr. Perry

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Mr. DeFazio	Nay	Mr. Graves of MO	Nay
<i>Ms. Norton</i>	Nay	Mr. Young .....	.....
Ms. Johnson of TX	Nay	Mr. Crawford	Yea
Mr. Larsen of WA	Nay	Mr. Gibbs	Yea
Mrs. Napolitano	Nay	Mr. Webster	Nay
Mr. Cohen	Nay	Mr. Massie	Yea
Mr. Sires .....	.....	Mr. Perry	Yea
Mr. Garamendi	Nay	Mr. Rodney Davis of IL	Nay
Mr. Johnson of GA	Nay	Mr. Katko	Nay
Mr. Carson	Nay	Mr. Babin	Yea
Ms. Titus	Nay	Mr. Graves of LA	Yea
Mr. Maloney of NY	Nay	Mr. Rouzer	Yea
Mr. Huffman	Nay	Mr. Bost	Nay
Ms. Brownley	Nay	Mr. Weber of TX	Yea
Ms. Wilson of FL	Nay	Mr. LaMalfa	Nay
Mr. Payne	Nay	Mr. Westerman	Nay
Mr. Lowenthal	Nay	Mr. Mast	Yea
Mr. DeSaulnier	Nay	Mr. Gallagher	Yea
Mr. Lynch	Nay	Mr. Fitzpatrick	Nay
Mr. Carbajal	Nay	<i>Miss González-Colón</i> .....	.....
Mr. Brown	Nay	Mr. Balderson	Yea
Mr. Malinowski .....	.....	Mr. Stauber	Nay
Mr. Stanton	Nay	Mr. Burchett	Yea
Mr. Allred	Nay	Mr. Johnson of SD	Nay
Ms. Davids of KS	Nay	Mr. Van Drew	Nay
Mr. Garcia of IL	Nay	Mr. Guest	Yea
Mr. Delgado	Nay	Mr. Nehls .....	.....
Mr. Pappas	Nay	Ms. Mace .....	.....
Mr. Lamb	Nay	Ms. Malliotakis	Nay
Mr. Moulton	Nay	Ms. Van Duynes .....	.....
Mr. Auchincloss	Nay	Mr. Gimenez	Nay
Ms. Bourdeaux	Nay	Mrs. Steel	Yea
Mr. Kahele .....	.....	

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Ms. Strickland	Nay		
Ms. Williams of GA	Nay		
Ms. Newman	Nay		
Mr. Carter	Nay		

An amendment offered by Mr. Perry (#5); was NOT AGREED TO by a record vote of 24 yeas and 38 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 84). The vote was as follows:

Vote: 84—Yea 24, Nay 38

On: Amendment #5 offered by Mr. Perry

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Mr. DeFazio	Nay	Mr. Graves of MO	Yea
<i>Ms. Norton</i>	Nay	Mr. Young	Yea
Ms. Johnson of TX	Nay	Mr. Crawford	Yea
Mr. Larsen of WA	Nay	Mr. Gibbs	Yea
Mrs. Napolitano	Nay	Mr. Webster	Yea
Mr. Cohen	Nay	Mr. Massie	Yea
Mr. Sires	Nay	Mr. Perry	Yea
Mr. Garamendi	Nay	Mr. Rodney Davis of IL	Nay
Mr. Johnson of GA	Nay	Mr. Katko	Nay
Mr. Carson	Nay	Mr. Babin	Yea
Ms. Titus	Nay	Mr. Graves of LA	Yea
Mr. Maloney of NY	Nay	Mr. Rouzer	Yea
Mr. Huffman	Nay	Mr. Bost	Yea
Ms. Brownley	Nay	Mr. Weber of TX	Yea
Ms. Wilson of FL	Nay	Mr. LaMalfa	Yea
Mr. Payne	Nay	Mr. Westerman	Yea
Mr. Lowenthal	Nay	Mr. Mast	Yea
Mr. DeSaulnier	Nay	Mr. Gallagher	Yea
Mr. Lynch	Nay	Mr. Fitzpatrick	Yea
Mr. Carbajal	Nay	<i>Miss González-Colón</i>	Nay
Mr. Brown	Nay	Mr. Balderson	Yea
Mr. Malinowski	Nay	Mr. Stauber	Yea
Mr. Stanton	Nay	Mr. Burchett	Yea
Mr. Allred	Nay	Mr. Johnson of SD	Yea
Ms. Davids of KS	Nay	Mr. Van Drew	Yea
Mr. Garcia of IL	Nay	Mr. Guest	Yea
Mr. Delgado	Nay	Mr. Nehls	Yea
Mr. Pappas	Nay	Ms. Mace	Yea
Mr. Lamb	Nay	Ms. Malliotakis	Yea
Mr. Moulton	Nay	Ms. Van Duyn	Yea
Mr. Auchincloss	Nay	Mr. Gimenez	Yea
Ms. Bourdeaux	Nay	Mrs. Steel	Yea
Mr. Kahele	Nay		
Ms. Strickland	Nay		
Ms. Williams of GA	Nay		
Ms. Newman	Nay		
Mr. Carter	Nay		

On ordering H.R. 5547 to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, as amended, by a record vote of 60 yeas and 4 nays (Roll Call Vote No. 85). The vote was as follows:

Vote: 85—Yea 60, Nay 4

On: Ordering to be reported to the House, amended

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Mr. DeFazio	Yea	Mr. Graves of MO	Yea
<i>Ms. Norton</i>	Yea	Mr. Young	Yea
Ms. Johnson of TX	Yea	Mr. Crawford	Yea
Mr. Larsen of WA	Yea	Mr. Gibbs	Yea
Mrs. Napolitano	Yea	Mr. Webster	Yea
Mr. Cohen	Yea	Mr. Massie	Nay

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Mr. Sires		Mr. Perry	Nay
Mr. Garamendi	Yea	Mr. Rodney Davis of IL	Yea
Mr. Johnson of GA	Yea	Mr. Katko	Yea
Mr. Carson	Yea	Mr. Babin	Yea
Ms. Titus	Yea	Mr. Graves of LA	Yea
Mr. Maloney of NY	Yea	Mr. Rouzer	Yea
Mr. Huffman	Yea	Mr. Bost	Yea
Ms. Brownley	Yea	Mr. Weber of TX	Yea
Ms. Wilson of FL	Yea	Mr. LaMalfa	Yea
Mr. Payne	Yea	Mr. Westerman	Yea
Mr. Lowenthal	Yea	Mr. Mast	Yea
Mr. DeSaulnier	Yea	Mr. Gallagher	Yea
Mr. Lynch	Yea	Mr. Fitzpatrick	Yea
Mr. Carbajal	Yea	<i>Miss González-Colón</i>	Yea
Mr. Brown	Yea	Mr. Balderson	Yea
Mr. Malinowski	Yea	Mr. Stauber	Yea
Mr. Stanton	Yea	Mr. Burchett	Nay
Mr. Allred	Yea	Mr. Johnson of SD	Yea
Ms. Davids of KS	Yea	Mr. Van Drew	Yea
Mr. Garcia of IL	Yea	Mr. Guest	Nay
Mr. Delgado	Yea	Mr. Nehls .....	.....
Mr. Pappas	Yea	Ms. Mace .....	.....
Mr. Lamb	Yea	Ms. Malliotakis	Yea
Mr. Moulton	Yea	Ms. Van Duynes .....	.....
Mr. Auchincloss	Yea	Mr. Gimenez	Yea
Ms. Bourdeaux	Yea	Mrs. Steel	Yea
Mr. Kahele	Yea		
Ms. Strickland	Yea		
Ms. Williams of GA	Yea		
Ms. Newman	Yea		
Mr. Carter	Yea		

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND TAX EXPENDITURES

Clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply where a cost estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 has been timely submitted prior to the filing of the report and is included in the report. Such a cost estimate is included in this report.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5547, as amended, from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, February 7, 2022.

Hon. PETER A. DEFAZIO,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5547, the CEDS Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Jon Sperl.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 5547, CEDS Act			
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on October 27, 2021			
By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000			

H.R. 5547 would require applicants for grants administered by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to include information about the accessibility of affordable, quality childcare, in addition to other considerations, when they submit an economic development strategy. The bill also would require EDA to report to the Congress on the outcomes of economic adjustment assistance administered by the agency that was funded by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the CARES Act, Public Law 116-136).

Using information provided by the EDA about the costs of similar activities, CBO estimates that it would cost less than \$500,000 to issue guidance to grant applicants and to prepare the required report; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jon Sperl. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the performance goal

and objective of this legislation is to improve regional economic planning by requiring consideration of quality, affordable care services in comprehensive economic development strategies.

DUPLICATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(5) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that no provision of H.R. 5547 establishes or reauthorizes a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another federal program, a program that was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139, or a program related to a program identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, AND LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

In compliance with clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, this bill, as reported, contains no congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of the rule XXI.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

The Committee adopts as its own the estimate of federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (Public Law 104–4).

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee finds that H.R. 5547, as amended, does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act were created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act (Public Law 104–1).

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATION

Section 1. Short title

This section provides that this measure may be cited as the “Care is an Economic Development Strategy Act” or the “CEDS Act”.

Sec. 2. Comprehensive economic development strategies

This section adds a requirement to consider the accessibility of affordable, quality care-based services, including childcare, early childhood education, disability and long-term care, and elder care, in the development of a CEDS. The section also directs the Secretary of Commerce to issue guidance on implementing these new requirements and ensures that grant recipients are only required to incorporate consideration of care-based services as a part of a regularly scheduled CEDS update.

Sec. 3. Economic development administration CARES Act funding

This section requires the inspector general of the Department of Commerce to submit a report to Congress on the activities and outcomes of economic adjustment assistance funding provided by the CARES Act, including each recipient and corresponding project that received funding under the act.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

**PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT OF
1965**

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**TITLE III—ELIGIBILITY; COMPREHENSIVE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIES**

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SEC. 302. COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide assistance under section 201 or 209 (except for planning assistance under section 209) to an eligible recipient for a project only if the eligible recipient submits to the Secretary, as part of an application for the assistance—

(1) an identification of the economic development problems to be addressed using the assistance;

(2) an identification of the past, present, and projected future economic development investments in the area receiving the assistance and public and private participants and sources of funding for the investments; and

(3)(A) a comprehensive economic development strategy for addressing the economic problems identified under paragraph (1) in a manner that promotes economic development and opportunity, fosters effective transportation access, maximizes effective development and use of the workforce consistent with any applicable State or local workforce investment strategy,

promotes the use of technology in economic development (including access to high-speed telecommunications), enhances and protects the environment, **[and]** balances resources through sound management of development, *and directly or indirectly increases the accessibility of affordable, quality care-based services, including child care, early childhood education, disability and long-term care, and elder care;* and

(B) a description of how the strategy will solve the problems.

(b) APPROVAL OF COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.—The Secretary shall approve a comprehensive economic development strategy that meets the requirements of subsection (a) to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

(c) APPROVAL OF OTHER PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may accept as a comprehensive economic development strategy a satisfactory plan developed under another federally supported program.

(2) EXISTING STRATEGY.—To the maximum extent practicable, a plan submitted under this paragraph shall be consistent and coordinated with any existing comprehensive economic development strategy for the area.

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MAXINE WATERS, CA
CHAIRWOMAN

COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE
United States House of Representatives
Committee on Financial Services
2129 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

PATRICK MCHENRY, NC
RANKING MEMBER

March 7, 2022

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2167 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing concerning H.R. 5547, the "Care is an Economic Development Strategy Act." In order to permit H.R. 5547 to proceed expeditiously to the House Floor, I agree to forgo formal consideration of the bill.

The Committee on Financial Services takes this action to forego formal consideration of H.R. 5547 in light of our mutual understanding that, by foregoing formal consideration of H.R. 5547 at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that our Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as this or similar legislation moves forward with regard to any matters in the Committee's jurisdiction. The Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation that involves the Committee's jurisdiction and request your support for any such request.

Finally, I would appreciate your response to this letter confirming this understanding, and I would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the *Congressional Record* during Floor consideration of H.R. 5547.

Sincerely,



MAXINE WATERS
Chairwoman

Cc: The Honorable Patrick McHenry, Ranking Member



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March 7, 2022

The Honorable Maxine Waters
Chairwoman, Committee on Financial Services
House of Representatives
2129 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Waters:

Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 5547, the *Care is an Economic Development Strategy Act*. I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this legislation.

I acknowledge that by foregoing formal consideration on H.R. 5547, the Committee on Financial Services does not waive any future jurisdictional claims to provisions in this or similar legislation, and that your Committee will be consulted and involved on any matters in your Committee's jurisdiction should this legislation move forward. In addition, should a conference on the bill be necessary, I would support your effort to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving provisions within this legislation on which the Committee on Financial Services has a valid jurisdictional claim.

I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation, and I will ensure that our exchange of letters is included in the *Congressional Record* during floor consideration of H.R. 5547.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter A. DeFazio".

Peter A. DeFazio
Chair

cc: The Honorable Sam Graves
The Honorable Patrick McHenry