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H. R. 212

To amend the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act to provide for the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to notify and consult with the unit of general local government within which an assisted multifamily housing project is to be located before providing any low-income housing assistance for the project.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLINK (for himself and Mr. DOYLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Community Housing
5 Right To Know Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.**

2 The Department of Housing and Urban Development
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 3531 et seq.) is amended by inserting after
4 section 12 the following new section:

5 “CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS REGARDING
6 LOW-INCOME HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR MULTIFAM-
7 ILY HOUSING PROJECTS

8 “SEC. 13. (a) IN GENERAL.—After the completion of
9 any selection process regarding low-income housing assist-
10 ance, but before making any new commitment or obliga-
11 tion for low-income housing assistance for a multifamily
12 housing project selected for such assistance, the Secretary
13 shall—

14 “(1) notify the chief executive officer (or other
15 appropriate official) of the unit of general local gov-
16 ernment in which the housing to be assisted is lo-
17 cated (or to be located) of such commitment or obli-
18 gation; and

19 “(2) pursuant to the request of such unit of
20 general local government, provide such information
21 as may reasonably be requested by such unit of gen-
22 eral local government regarding the assisted housing
23 project (except to the extent otherwise prohibited by
24 law) and consult with representatives of such local
25 government regarding the assisted housing project.

1 This section may not be construed to authorize the release
2 of any covered selection information during any selection
3 process which is otherwise prohibited under section 12.

4 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
5 following definitions shall apply:

6 “(1) COVERED SELECTION INFORMATION.—The
7 term ‘covered selection information’ has the meaning
8 given such term in section 12(e).

9 “(2) LOW-INCOME HOUSING ASSISTANCE.—The
10 term ‘low-income housing assistance’ means any
11 grant, loan, subsidy, guarantee, insurance, or other
12 financial assistance for new or existing housing pro-
13 vided under a program administered by the Sec-
14 retary, under which occupancy or ownership of some
15 or all of the dwelling units in the housing assisted
16 is limited, restricted, or determined (pursuant to the
17 laws or regulations relating to such assistance)
18 based on the income of the individual or family occu-
19 pying or purchasing the unit.

20 “(3) MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROJECT.—The
21 term ‘multifamily housing project’ means a property
22 that consists of 5 or more dwelling units.

23 “(4) NEW.—The term ‘new’, when used in ref-
24 erence to the commitment or obligation of low-in-
25 come housing assistance for a multifamily housing

1 project, means that, at the time such commitment or
2 obligation is made—

3 “(A) such project is not receiving such low-
4 income housing assistance and is not subject to
5 a contract or agreement under the program for
6 such low-income housing assistance; and

7 “(B) such commitment or obligation is not
8 made pursuant to the renewal of a previous
9 contract, obligation, or commitment for such
10 assistance for such project.

11 “(5) SELECTION PROCESS.—The term ‘selection
12 process’ has the meaning given such term in section
13 12(e).

14 “(6) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERN-
15 MENT.—The term ‘unit of general local government’
16 means any city, town, township, county, parish, vil-
17 lage, or other general purpose political subdivision of
18 a State.”.

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