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To authorize funds to the Local Initiatives Support Corporation to carry out its Community Safety Initiative.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin (for herself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. FATAH, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, and Mr. CLEAVER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To authorize funds to the Local Initiatives Support Corporation to carry out its Community Safety Initiative.

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 Safety Ini-
5 tiative Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Local Initiatives Support Corporation
2 (in this section referred to as the “LISC”) is a na-
3 tional community development support organization
4 which provides capital, technical expertise, training,
5 and information to help community-based organiza-
6 tions transform distressed neighborhoods into
7 healthy and sustainable places to live, do business,
8 work, and raise families. Since 1994, LISC’s Com-
9 munity Safety Initiative has promoted partnerships
10 between community developers and law enforcement
11 agencies in low-income communities to reduce crime,
12 encourage economic revitalization, and respond to
13 the challenges faced by people returning home upon
14 release from jail or prison.

15 (2) Community Safety Initiative activities spe-
16 cifically accomplish the following:

17 (A) Address crime and disorder, including
18 drug and gang activity involving youth.

19 (B) Spur economic investment.

20 (C) Build trust between communities and
21 police.

22 (D) Respond to prisoner reentry challenges
23 related to housing, employment, social services,
24 and systems coordination.

1 (E) Foster national knowledge-sharing be-
2 tween law enforcement agencies and community
3 organizations about best-practice crime preven-
4 tion strategies.

5 (3) The Community Safety Initiative improves
6 safety and quality of life in more than 20 low-income
7 communities across the country each year, resulting
8 in measurable reductions in crime, better commu-
9 nity-police relations, quality affordable housing in
10 place of problem properties, viable businesses in pre-
11 viously blighted commercial corridors, effective pris-
12 oner reentry programs, and more strategic and effi-
13 cient use of public- and private-sector resources.

14 (4) The Community Safety Initiative program
15 has effectively utilized Federal funds since fiscal
16 year 1999.

17 (5) The Community Safety Initiative has a
18 long-standing partnership with the United States
19 Department of Justice Community Capacity Devel-
20 opment Office and has been endorsed by police
21 chiefs and community development leaders across
22 the country.

1 **SEC. 3. GRANT PROGRAM FOR EXPANDING THE COMMU-**
2 **NITY SAFETY INITIATIVE.**

3 In each of fiscal years 2010 through 2015, the Assist-
4 ant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs
5 of the Department of Justice may make grants to the
6 Local Initiatives Support Corporation to carry out its
7 Community Safety Initiative.

8 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Local Initiatives Support
10 Corporation shall, in each of fiscal years 2010 through
11 2015, submit a report to the Assistant Attorney General.

12 (b) REQUIRED CONTENT.—Each report required to
13 be submitted under subsection (a) shall include a detailed
14 statement—

15 (1) regarding the progress made by the Com-
16 munity Safety Initiative in using Federal funds to
17 reduce crime, encourage economic revitalization, im-
18 prove community-police relations, respond to the
19 challenges faced by people returning home upon re-
20 lease from jail or prison, and promoting community
21 safety knowledge-sharing in low-income and minority
22 communities; and

23 (2) of the activities for which the appropriated
24 funds were spent by the Community Safety Initia-
25 tive.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this Act \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through
4 2015.

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