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# H. R. 4622

To provide for the establishment of a grant program to assist State and local governments to install solar energy systems.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2012

Mr. MCNERNEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Solar Energy Deploy-  
5       ment Act of 2012”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8               (1) **QUALIFYING SOLAR EQUIPMENT.**—The  
9       term “qualifying solar equipment” means property

1 described in clause (i) or (ii) of section 48(a)(3)(A)  
2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

3 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4 the Secretary of Energy.

5 (3) STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—The  
6 term “State and local governments” includes mu-  
7 nicipalities, counties, transit agencies, school dis-  
8 tricts, water districts, Indian tribes, and territories.  
9 Such term does not include an entity eligible for a  
10 credit allowed under section 48 of the Internal Rev-  
11 enue Code of 1986 with respect to qualifying solar  
12 equipment.

13 **SEC. 3. SOLAR ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish  
15 a program to award grants, on a competitive basis, to  
16 State and local governments for the design, purchase, and  
17 installation of qualifying solar equipment on rooftops or  
18 parking structures owned by the State or local govern-  
19 ment.

20 (b) COMPETITIVE CRITERIA.—In determining which  
21 State and local governments to award grants to under this  
22 section, the Secretary shall consider—

23 (1) the speed with which solar energy systems  
24 can be deployed;

1           (2) the total amount of solar energy to be de-  
2       ployed;

3           (3) the financial need of the State or local gov-  
4       ernment;

5           (4) the use of best practices to ensure max-  
6       imum efficiency of deployed systems;

7           (5) the use of materials and components that  
8       are manufactured in the United States; and

9           (6) other criteria the Secretary considers rel-  
10      evant.

11 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12       There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
13      retary for carrying out this Act \$150,000,000 for each of  
14      the fiscal years 2013 through 2017.

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