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Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for the TIGER
Discretionary Grant program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATERS (for herself, Ms. BASS, Mr. HONDA, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. RUSH, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CLAY, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. HAHN, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mrs. NEGRETE McLEOD, Mr. POCAN, Mr. TONKO, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. SIRES, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. HECK of Washington, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. KEATING, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. NADLER, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. WATT, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. ENYART, Mr. ELLISON, and Ms. MENG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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purposes.

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 “TIGER Grants for
5 Job Creation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The economy is struggling to recover from
9 the recession. The unemployment rate is nearly 8
10 percent nationwide and is even higher in minority
11 and disadvantaged communities.

12 (2) The American Society of Civil Engineers’
13 2009 Report Card for America’s Infrastructure esti-
14 mated that there is a \$549,500,000,000 shortfall in
15 investments in roads and bridges and an additional
16 \$190,100,000,000 shortfall in investments in tran-
17 sit.

18 (3) TIGER, formally known as the Transpor-
19 tation Investment Generating Economic Recovery
20 (TIGER) grant program, is a nationwide competitive
21 grant program that creates jobs by funding invest-
22 ments in transportation infrastructure by States,
23 local governments, and transit agencies.

1 (4) TIGER funds projects that will have a sig-
2 nificant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area,
3 or a region.

4 (5) In distributing grants under TIGER, the
5 Secretary of Transportation is required to ensure an
6 equitable geographic distribution of funds, a balance
7 in addressing the needs of urban and rural areas,
8 and investments in a variety of modes of transpor-
9 tation.

10 (6) Past appropriations for TIGER are not suf-
11 ficient to address the need for investments in trans-
12 portation infrastructure in communities throughout
13 the United States as the amounts only fund a small
14 fraction of the transportation infrastructure projects
15 for which TIGER grant applications have been re-
16 ceived.

17 (7) TIGER received an appropriation of
18 \$500,000,000 in fiscal year 2012.

19 (8) The President requested an appropriation of
20 \$500,000,000 for TIGER in fiscal year 2013.

21 (9) The Secretary of Transportation has been
22 unable to organize a competition for TIGER grants
23 in 2013 due to the uncertainty surrounding seques-
24 tration and fiscal year 2013 appropriations.

1 (10) Restricting appropriations for TIGER
2 through the use of arbitrary budget caps or seques-
3 tration undermines economic recovery and job cre-
4 ation efforts; disrupts planning by States, local gov-
5 ernments, and transit agencies; and leaves critical
6 infrastructure needs unmet.

7 (11) Emergency supplemental appropriations
8 for TIGER, provided in addition to other appropria-
9 tions and not subject to sequestration, will improve
10 transportation infrastructure and create jobs
11 throughout the United States without reducing
12 funding for other domestic priorities.

13 (12) An emergency supplemental appropriation
14 of \$500,000,000 for TIGER to be made available in
15 fiscal year 2013 and an additional emergency sup-
16 plemental appropriation of \$500,000,000 to be made
17 available in fiscal year 2014 will allow the Secretary
18 of Transportation to begin immediately to organize
19 new competitions for TIGER grants and allow
20 States, local governments, and transit agencies to
21 prepare grant applications, thus ensuring an effi-
22 cient use of funds and timely job creation.

1 **SEC. 3. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR TIGER DIS-**
2 **CRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 The following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for fis-
5 cal year 2013:

6 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
7 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
8 NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

9 For an additional amount for “National Infrastruc-
10 ture Investments” in accordance with the provisions under
11 this heading in title I of division C of Public Law 112–
12 55, \$1,000,000,000, of which \$500,000,000 shall become
13 available on the date of the enactment of this section, and
14 \$500,000,000 shall become available on October 1, 2013:
15 *Provided*, That the amount under this heading shall re-
16 main available until September 30, 2014: *Provided further*,
17 That the amount under this heading is designated by the
18 Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
19 tion 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
20 Deficit Control Act of 1985, except that such amount shall
21 be available only if the President subsequently so des-
22 ignates such amount and transmits such designation to
23 the Congress.

24 **SEC. 4. EXEMPTION FROM SEQUESTRATION.**

25 The appropriation in section 3 shall be exempt from
26 any sequestration under section 251A of the Balanced

- 1 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2
- 2 U.S.C. 901a).

