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H. R. 1632

To ensure that the Federal government is able to receive the maximum return on its investment in the rural essential community facilities loan and grant programs and effective services to rural communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOUTHERLAND (for himself, Mr. McINTYRE, Mr. ENYART, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. RIBBLE, and Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To ensure that the Federal government is able to receive the maximum return on its investment in the rural essential community facilities loan and grant programs and effective services to rural communities.

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 “Building Rural Com-
5 munities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES TECHNICAL**
 2 **ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.**

3 Section 306(a)(19) of the Consolidated Farm and
 4 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(19)) is amend-
 5 ed by adding at the end the following:

6 “(D) ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES
 7 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
 9 may make grants to public bodies and pri-
 10 vate nonprofit corporations, such as
 11 States, counties, cities, townships, and in-
 12 corporated towns and villages, boroughs,
 13 authorities, districts and Indian tribes on
 14 Federal and State reservations which will
 15 serve rural areas for the purpose of ena-
 16 bling them to provide to associations de-
 17 scribed in paragraph (1) technical assist-
 18 ance and training to—

19 “(I) assist communities in identi-
 20 fying and planning for community fa-
 21 cility needs;

22 “(II) identify public and private
 23 resources to finance community facili-
 24 ties needs;

25 “(III) prepare reports and sur-
 26 veys necessary to request financial as-

1 assistance to develop community facili-
2 ties;

3 “(IV) prepare applications for fi-
4 nancial assistance;

5 “(V) improve the management,
6 including financial management, re-
7 lated to the operation of community
8 facilities; or

9 “(VI) assist with other areas of
10 need identified by the Secretary.

11 “(ii) SELECTION PRIORITY.—In se-
12 lecting recipients of grants under this sub-
13 paragraph, the Secretary shall give priority
14 to private, nonprofit organizations that
15 have experience in providing technical as-
16 sistance and training to rural entities.

17 “(iii) FUNDING.—Not less than 3 nor
18 more than 5 percent of any funds appro-
19 priated to carry out each of the essential
20 community facilities loan program author-
21 ized in paragraph (1) and the essential
22 community facilities grant program author-
23 ized in subparagraph (A) for any fiscal

1 year shall be reserved for grants under this
2 subparagraph.”.

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