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To improve coordination between Federal programs for housing assistance of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Agriculture and the programs of the Internal Revenue Service for housing tax credits and housing bonds.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
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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 “Housing Tax Credit
5 Coordination Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPROVALS BY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND**
2 **URBAN DEVELOPMENT.**

3 (a) ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL CHANGES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing
5 and Urban Development (in this section referred to
6 as the “Secretary”) shall, not later than the expira-
7 tion of the 6-month period beginning upon after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, implement admin-
9 istrative and procedural changes to expedite ap-
10 proval of multifamily housing projects under the ju-
11 risdiction of the Department of Housing and Urban
12 Development that meet the requirements of the Sec-
13 retary for such approvals.

14 (2) PROJECTS.—The multifamily housing
15 projects referred to in paragraph (1) shall include—

16 (A) projects for which assistance is pro-
17 vided by such Department in conjunction with
18 any low-income housing tax credits under sec-
19 tion 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
20 or tax-exempt housing bonds; and

21 (B) existing public housing projects and
22 assisted housing projects, for which approval of
23 the Secretary is necessary for transactions, in
24 conjunction with any such low-income housing
25 tax credits or tax-exempt housing bonds, involv-

1 ing the preservation or rehabilitation of the
2 project.

3 (3) CHANGES.—The administrative and proce-
4 dural changes referred to in paragraph (1) shall in-
5 clude all actions necessary to carry out paragraph
6 (1), which may include—

7 (A) improving the efficiency of approval
8 procedures;

9 (B) simplifying approval requirements,

10 (C) establishing time deadlines or target
11 deadlines for required approvals;

12 (D) modifying division of approval author-
13 ity between field and national offices;

14 (E) improving outreach to project sponsors
15 regarding information that is required to be
16 submitted for such approvals;

17 (F) requesting additional funding for in-
18 creasing staff, if necessary; and

19 (G) any other actions which would expedite
20 approvals.

21 Any such changes shall be made in a manner that
22 provides for full compliance with any existing re-
23 quirements under law or regulation that are de-
24 signed to protect families receiving public and as-
25 sisted housing assistance, including income tar-

1 getting, rent, and fair housing provisions, and shall
2 also comply with requirements regarding environ-
3 mental review and protection and wages paid to la-
4 borers.

5 (b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult
6 with the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service
7 and take such actions as are appropriate in conjunction
8 with such consultation to simplify the coordination of
9 rules, regulations, forms, and approval requirements for
10 multifamily housing projects projects for which assistance
11 is provided by such Department in conjunction with any
12 low-income housing tax credits under section 42 of the In-
13 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 or tax-exempt housing
14 bonds.

15 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—In implementing the
16 changes required under this section, the Secretary shall
17 solicit recommendations regarding such changes from
18 project owners and sponsors, investors and stakeholders
19 in housing tax credits, State and local housing finance
20 agencies, public housing agencies, tenant advocates, and
21 other stakeholders in such projects.

22 (d) REPORT.—Not later than the expiration of the
23 9-month period beginning on the date of the enactment
24 of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the
25 Committee on Financial Services of the House of Rep-

1 representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
2 Urban Affairs of the Senate that—

3 (1) identifies the actions taken by the Secretary
4 to comply with this section;

5 (2) includes information regarding any resulting
6 improvements in the expedited approval for multi-
7 family housing projects;

8 (3) identifies recommendations made pursuant
9 to subsection (c);

10 (4) identifies actions taken by the Secretary to
11 implement the provisions in the amendments made
12 by sections 4 and 5 of this Act; and

13 (5) makes recommendations for any legislative
14 changes that are needed to facilitate prompt ap-
15 proval of assistance for such projects.

16 **SEC. 3. PROJECT APPROVALS BY RURAL HOUSING SERV-**
17 **ICE.**

18 Section 515(h) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42
19 U.S.C. 1485) is amended—

20 (1) by inserting “(1) CONDITION.—” after
21 “(h)”; and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following new
23 paragraphs:

24 “(2) ACTIONS TO EXPEDITE PROJECT APPROV-
25 ALS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall take
2 actions to facilitate timely approval of requests to
3 transfer ownership or control, for the purpose of re-
4 habilitation or preservation, of multifamily housing
5 projects for which assistance is provided by the Sec-
6 retary of Agriculture in conjunction with any low-in-
7 come housing tax credits under section 42 of the In-
8 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 or tax-exempt housing
9 bonds.

10 “(B) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of Agri-
11 culture shall consult with the Commissioner of the
12 Internal Revenue Service and take such actions as
13 are appropriate in conjunction with such consulta-
14 tion to simplify the coordination of rules, regula-
15 tions, forms (including applications forms for project
16 transfers), and approval requirements multifamily
17 housing projects for which assistance is provided by
18 the Secretary of Agriculture in conjunction with any
19 low-income housing tax credits under section 42 of
20 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or tax-exempt
21 housing bonds.

22 “(C) EXISTING REQUIREMENTS.—Any actions
23 taken pursuant to this paragraph shall be taken in
24 a manner that provides for full compliance with any
25 existing requirements under law or regulation that

1 are designed to protect families receiving Federal
2 housing assistance, including income targeting, rent,
3 and fair housing provisions, and shall also comply
4 with requirements regarding environmental review
5 and protection and wages paid to laborers.

6 “(D) RECOMMENDATIONS.—In implementing
7 the changes required under this paragraph, the Sec-
8 retary shall solicit recommendations regarding such
9 changes from project owners and sponsors, investors
10 and stakeholders in housing tax credits, State and
11 local housing finance agencies, tenant advocates, and
12 other stakeholders in such projects.”.

13 **SEC. 4. USE OF FHA LOANS WITH HOUSING TAX CREDITS.**

14 (a) **SUBSIDY LAYERING REQUIREMENTS.**—Sub-
15 section (d) of section 102 of the Department of Housing
16 and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C.
17 3545(d)) is amended—

18 (1) in the first sentence, by inserting after “as-
19 sistance within the jurisdiction of the Department”
20 the following: “, as such term is defined in sub-
21 section (m), except that for purposes of this sub-
22 section such term shall not include any mortgage in-
23 surance provided pursuant to title II of the National
24 Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.)”; and

1 (2) in the second sentence, by inserting “such”
2 before “assistance”.

3 (b) COST CERTIFICATION.—Section 227 of National
4 Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715r) is amended—

5 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (a) (re-
6 lating to a definition of “new or rehabilitated multi-
7 family housing”)—

8 (A) in the first sentence—

9 (i) by striking “Notwithstanding” and
10 inserting “Except as provided in subsection
11 (b) and notwithstanding”; and

12 (ii) by redesignating clauses (a) and
13 (b) as clauses (A) and (B), respectively;
14 and

15 (B) by striking “As used in this section—
16 ”;

17 (2) in paragraph (c) (relating to a definition of
18 “actual cost”)—

19 (A) in clause (i), by redesignating clauses
20 (1) and (2) as clauses (I) and (II), respectively;
21 and

22 (B) in clause (ii), by redesignating clauses
23 (1) and (2) as clauses (I) and (II), respectively;

24 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (a), (b), and
25 (c) as paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), respectively;

1 (4) by inserting before paragraph (1) (as so re-
2 designated by paragraph (3) of this subsection) the
3 following:

4 “(b) EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS ASSISTED
5 WITH LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT.—In the case
6 of any mortgage insured under any provision of this title
7 that is executed in connection with the construction, reha-
8 bilitation, purchase, or refinancing of a multifamily hous-
9 ing project for which equity provided through any low-in-
10 come housing tax credit pursuant to Section 42 of the In-
11 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 42), if the Sec-
12 retary determines at the time of issuance of the firm com-
13 mitment for insurance that the ratio of the loan proceeds
14 to the actual cost of the project is less than 80 percent,
15 subsection (a) of this section shall not apply.

16 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
17 following definitions shall apply:”; and

18 (5) by inserting “(a) REQUIREMENT.—” after
19 “227.”.

20 (c) OTHER PROVISIONS REGARDING TREATMENT OF
21 MORTGAGES COVERING TAX CREDIT PROJECTS.—Title II
22 of the National Housing Act is amended by inserting after
23 section 227 (12 U.S.C. 1715r) the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 228. TREATMENT OF MORTGAGES COVERING TAX**
2 **CREDIT PROJECTS.**

3 “(a) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
4 term ‘insured mortgage covering a tax credit project’
5 means a mortgage insured under any provision of this title
6 that is executed in connection with the construction, reha-
7 bilitation, purchase, or refinancing of a multifamily hous-
8 ing project for which equity provided through any low-in-
9 come housing tax credit pursuant to section 42 of the In-
10 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 42).

11 “(b) ACCEPTANCE OF LETTERS OF CREDIT.—In the
12 case of an insured mortgage covering a tax credit project,
13 the Secretary may not require the escrowing of equity pro-
14 vided by the sale of any low-income housing tax credits
15 for the project pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Rev-
16 enue Code of 1986, or any other form of security, such
17 as a letter of credit.

18 “(c) ASSET MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.—In the
19 case of an insured mortgage covering a tax credit project
20 for which project the applicable tax credit allocating agen-
21 cy is causing to be performed periodic inspections in com-
22 pliance with the requirements of section 42 of the Internal
23 Revenue Code of 1986, such project shall be exempt from
24 requirements imposed by the Secretary regarding periodic
25 inspections of the property by the mortgagee. To the ex-
26 tent that other compliance monitoring is being performed

1 with respect to such a project by such an allocating agency
2 pursuant to such section 42, the Secretary shall, to the
3 extent that the Secretary determines such monitoring is
4 sufficient to ensure compliance with any requirements es-
5 tablished by the Secretary, accept such agency's evidence
6 of compliance for purposes of determining compliance with
7 the Secretary's requirements.

8 “(d) STREAMLINED PROCESSING PILOT PROGRAM.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
10 lish a pilot program to demonstrate the effectiveness
11 of streamlining the review process, which shall in-
12 clude all applications for mortgage insurance under
13 any provision of this title for mortgages executed in
14 connection with the construction, rehabilitation, pur-
15 chase, or refinancing of a multifamily housing
16 project for which equity provided through any low-
17 income housing tax credit pursuant to section 42 of
18 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Secretary
19 shall issue instructions for implementing the pilot
20 program under this subsection not later than the ex-
21 piration of the 180-day period beginning upon the
22 date of the enactment of the Housing Tax Credit
23 Coordination Act of 2008.

24 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Such pilot program
25 shall provide for—

1 “(A) the Secretary to appoint designated
2 underwriters, who shall be responsible for re-
3 viewing such mortgage insurance applications
4 and making determinations regarding the eligi-
5 bility of such applications for such mortgage in-
6 surance in lieu of the processing functions re-
7 garding such applications that are otherwise
8 performed by other employees of the Depart-
9 ment of Housing and Urban Development;

10 “(B) submission of applications for such
11 mortgage insurance by mortgagees who have
12 previously been expressly approved by the Sec-
13 retary; and

14 “(C) determinations regarding the eligi-
15 bility of such applications for such mortgage in-
16 surance to be made by the chief underwriter
17 pursuant to requirements prescribed by the Sec-
18 retary, which shall include requiring submission
19 of reports regarding applications of proposed
20 mortgagees by third-party entities expressly ap-
21 proved by the chief underwriter.”.

22 **SEC. 5. OTHER HUD PROGRAMS.**

23 (a) SECTION 8 ASSISTANCE.—

1 (1) PHA PROJECT-BASED ASSISTANCE.—Sec-
2 tion 8(o)(13) of the United States Housing Act of
3 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)) is amended—

4 (A) in subparagraph (D)(i)—

5 (i) by striking “building” and insert-
6 ing “project”; and

7 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing: “For purposes of this subpara-
9 graph, the term ‘project’ means a single
10 building, multiple contiguous buildings, or
11 multiple buildings on contiguous parcels of
12 land.”;

13 (B) in the first sentence of subparagraph
14 (F), by striking “10 years” and inserting “15
15 years”;

16 (C) In subparagraph (G)—

17 (i) by inserting after the period at the
18 end of the first sentence the following:
19 “Such contract may, at the election of the
20 public housing agency and the owner of the
21 structure, specify that such contract shall
22 be extended for renewal terms of up to 15
23 years each, if the agency makes the deter-
24 mination required by this subparagraph

1 and the owner is in compliance with the
2 terms of the contract.”; and

3 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing: “A public housing agency may
5 agree to enter into such a contract at the
6 time it enters into the initial agreement for
7 a housing assistance payment contract or
8 at any time thereafter that is before the
9 expiration of the housing assistance pay-
10 ment contract.”;

11 (D) in subparagraph (H), by inserting be-
12 fore the period at the end of the first sentence
13 the following: “, except that in the case of a
14 contract unit that has been allocated low-in-
15 come housing tax credits and for which the rent
16 limitation pursuant to such section 42 is less
17 than the amount that would otherwise be per-
18 mitted under this subparagraph, the rent for
19 such unit may, in the sole discretion of a public
20 housing agency, be established at the higher
21 section 8 rent, subject only to paragraph
22 (10)(A)”;

23 (E) in subparagraph (I)(i), by inserting be-
24 fore the semicolon the following: “, except that
25 the contract may provide that the maximum

1 rent permitted for a dwelling unit shall not be
2 less than the initial rent for the dwelling unit
3 under the initial housing assistance payments
4 contract covering the unit”; and

5 (F) by adding at the end the following new
6 subparagraphs:

7 “(L) USE IN COOPERATIVE HOUSING AND
8 ELEVATOR BUILDINGS.—A public housing agen-
9 cy may enter into a housing assistance pay-
10 ments contract under this paragraph with re-
11 spect to—

12 “(i) dwelling units in cooperative
13 housing; and

14 “(ii) notwithstanding subsection (c),
15 dwelling units in a high-rise elevator
16 project, including such a project that is oc-
17 cupied by families with children, without
18 review and approval of the contract by the
19 Secretary.

20 “(M) REVIEWS.—

21 “(i) SUBSIDY LAYERING.—A subsidy
22 layering review in accordance with section
23 102(d) of the Department of Housing and
24 Urban Development Reform Act of 1989
25 (42 U.S.C. 3545(d)) shall not be required

1 for assistance under this paragraph in the
2 case of a housing assistance payments con-
3 tract for an existing structure, or if a sub-
4 sidy layering review has been conducted by
5 the applicable State or local agency.

6 “(ii) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—A
7 public housing agency shall not be required
8 to undertake any environmental review be-
9 fore entering into a housing assistance
10 payments contract under this paragraph
11 for an existing structure, except to the ex-
12 tent such a review is otherwise required by
13 law or regulation.”.

14 (2) VOUCHER PROGRAM RENT REASONABLE-
15 NESS.—Section 8(o)(10) of the United States Hous-
16 ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(10)) is amend-
17 ed by adding at the end the following new subpara-
18 graph;

19 “(F) TAX CREDIT PROJECTS.—In the case
20 of a dwelling unit receiving tax credits pursuant
21 to section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of
22 1986 or for which assistance is provided under
23 subtitle A of title II of the Cranston Gonzalez
24 National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, for
25 which a housing assistance contract not subject

1 to paragraph (13) of this subsection is estab-
2 lished, rent reasonableness shall be determined
3 as otherwise provided by this paragraph, except
4 that—

5 “(i) comparison with rent for units in
6 the private, unassisted local market shall
7 not be required if the rent is equal to or
8 less than the rent for other comparable
9 units receiving such tax credits or assist-
10 ance in the project that are not occupied
11 by families assisted with tenant-based as-
12 sistance under this subsection; and

13 “(ii) the rent shall not be considered
14 reasonable for purposes of this paragraph
15 if it exceeds the greater of—

16 “(I) the rents charged for other
17 comparable units receiving such tax
18 credits or assistance in the project
19 that are not occupied by families as-
20 sisted with tenant-based assistance
21 under this subsection; and

22 “(II) the payment standard es-
23 tablished by the public housing agency
24 for a unit of the size involved.”.

1 (b) SECTION 202 HOUSING FOR ELDERLY PER-
2 SONS.—Subsection (f) of section 202 of the Housing Act
3 of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q(f)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “SELECTION CRITERIA.—” and
5 inserting “INITIAL SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROC-
6 ESSING.—(1) SELECTION CRITERIA.—”;

7 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
8 (7) as subparagraphs (A) through (G), respectively;
9 and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(2) DELEGATED PROCESSING.—

13 “(A) In issuing a capital advance under this
14 subsection for any project for which financing for
15 the purposes described in the last two sentences of
16 subsection (b) is provided by a combination of a cap-
17 ital advance under subsection (c)(1) and sources
18 other than this section, within 30 days of award of
19 the capital advance, the Secretary shall delegate re-
20 view and processing of such projects to a State or
21 local housing agency that—

22 “(i) is in geographic proximity to the prop-
23 erty;

24 “(ii) has demonstrated experience in and
25 capacity for underwriting multifamily housing

1 loans that provide housing and supportive serv-
2 ices;

3 “(iii) may or may not be providing low-in-
4 come housing tax credits in combination with
5 the capital advance under this section, and

6 “(iv) agrees to issue a firm commitment
7 within 12 months of delegation.

8 “(B) The Secretary shall retain the authority to
9 process capital advances in cases in which no State
10 or local housing agency has applied to provide dele-
11 gated processing pursuant to this paragraph or no
12 such agency has entered into an agreement with the
13 Secretary to serve as a delegated processing agency.

14 “(C) An agency to which review and processing
15 is delegated pursuant to subparagraph (A) may as-
16 sess a reasonable fee which shall be included in the
17 capital advance amounts and may recommend
18 project rental assistance amounts in excess of those
19 initially awarded by the Secretary. The Secretary
20 shall develop a schedule for reasonable fees under
21 this subparagraph to be paid to delegated processing
22 agencies, which shall take into consideration any
23 other fees to be paid to the agency for other funding
24 provided to the project by the agency, including
25 bonds, tax credits, and other gap funding.

1 “(D) Under such delegated system, the Sec-
2 retary shall retain the authority to approve rents
3 and development costs and to execute a capital ad-
4 vance within 60 days of receipt of the commitment
5 from the State or local agency. The Secretary shall
6 provide to such agency and the project sponsor, in
7 writing, the reasons for any reduction in capital ad-
8 vance amounts or project rental assistance and such
9 reductions shall be subject to appeal.”.

10 (c) MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT HOMELESS ASSISTANCE
11 UNDER SHELTER PLUS CARE PROGRAM.—

12 (1) TERM OF CONTRACTS WITH OWNER OR LES-
13 SOR.—Part I of subtitle F of the McKinney-Vento
14 Homeless Assistance Act is amended—

15 (A) by redesignating sections 462 and 463
16 (42 U.S.C. 11403g, 11403h) as sections 463
17 and 464, respectively;

18 (B) by striking “section 463” each place
19 such term appears in sections 471, 476, 481,
20 486, and 488 (42 U.S.C. 11404, 11405, 11406,
21 11407, and 11407b) and inserting “section
22 464”; and

23 (C) by inserting after section 461 (42
24 U.S.C. 11403f) the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 462. TERM OF CONTRACT WITH OWNER OR LESSOR.**

2 “An applicant under this subtitle may enter into a
3 contract with the owner or lessor of a property that re-
4 ceives rental assistance under this subtitle having a term
5 of not more than 15 years, subject to the availability of
6 sufficient funds provided in appropriation Acts for the
7 purpose of renewing expiring contracts for assistance pay-
8 ments. Such contract may, at the election of the applicant
9 and owner or lessor, specify that such contract shall be
10 extended for renewal terms of not more than 15 years
11 each, subject to the availability of sufficient such appro-
12 priated funds.”.

13 (2) PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE CON-
14 TRACTS.—Section 478(a) of the McKinney-Vento
15 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11405a(a)) is
16 amended by inserting before the period at the end
17 the following: “; except that, in the case of any
18 project for which equity is provided through any low-
19 income housing tax credit pursuant to section 42 of
20 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 42),
21 if an expenditure of such amount for each unit (in-
22 cluding the prorated share of such work) is required
23 to make the structure decent, safe, and sanitary,
24 and the owner agrees to reach initial closing on per-
25 manent financing from such other sources within
26 two years and agrees to carry out the rehabilitation

1 with resources other than assistance under this sub-
2 title within 60 months of notification of grant ap-
3 proval, the contract shall be for a term of 10 years
4 (except that such period may be extended by up to
5 1 year by the Secretary, which extension shall be
6 granted unless the Secretary determines that the
7 sponsor is primarily responsible for the failure to
8 meet such deadline)”.
9

10 (d) DATA COLLECTION ON TENANTS OF HOUSING
11 TAX CREDIT PROJECTS.—Title I of the United States
12 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) is amended
13 by adding at the end the following new section:

14 **“SEC. 36. COLLECTION OF INFORMATION ON TENANTS IN
15 TAX CREDIT PROJECTS.**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each State agency admin-
17 istering tax credits under section 42 of the Internal Rev-
18 enue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 42) shall furnish to the
19 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, not less
20 than annually, information concerning the race, ethnicity,
21 family composition, age, income, use of rental assistance
22 under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of
23 1937 or other similar assistance, disability status, and
24 monthly rental payments of households residing in each
25 property receiving such credits through such agency. Such
State agencies shall, to the extent feasible, collect such in-

1 formation through existing reporting processes and in a
2 manner that minimizes burdens on property owners. In
3 the case of any household that continues to reside in the
4 same dwelling unit, information provided by the household
5 in a previous year may be used if the information is of
6 a category that is not subject to change or if information
7 for the current year is not readily available to the owner
8 of the property.

9 “(b) STANDARDS.—The Secretary shall establish
10 standards and definitions for the information collected
11 under subsection (a), provide States with technical assist-
12 ance in establishing systems to compile and submit such
13 information, and, in coordination with other Federal agen-
14 cies administering housing programs, establish procedures
15 to minimize duplicative reporting requirements for prop-
16 erties assisted under multiple housing programs.

17 “(c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall,
18 not less than annually, compile and make publicly avail-
19 able the information submitted to the Secretary pursuant
20 to subsection (a).

21 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
22 is authorized to be appropriated for the cost of activities
23 required under subsections (b) and (c) \$2,500,000 for fis-
24 cal year 2009 and \$900,000 for each of fiscal years 2010
25 through 2013.”.