

H.R. 6166, Emergency East Chicago Housing Relief Act of 2016

Section- by-Section

Overview. This bill provides additional low-income housing tax credits to Indiana in response to the closure of the West Calumet Housing Complex that sits on a Superfund site.

Section 1.

- (a) Provides short title: *Emergency East Chicago Housing Relief Act of 2016*
- (b) Congressional findings detailing the history of the site on which the West Calumet Housing Complex sits from 1972 (year it was established) to the present.

Section 2.

- (a) Increases allocation of low-income housing credit ceiling of Indiana for calendar years 2017 and 2018 by the *lesser* of –
 - (1) aggregate credits allocated to buildings located in Lake County, Indiana, or
 - (2) the additional allocation amount.ⁱ
- (b) Defines additional allocation amount as \$18 multiplied by the population of Lake County, Indiana as defined by the Bureau of the Census in its most recent data before July 31, 2016.ⁱⁱ
- (c) Limitation that effectively defines increased tax credit allocation as a one-time event to be utilized over the course of 2017 and 2018. In other words, Indiana receives an increased allocation for only 2017(~8.7 million) which can be utilized in 2017 and 2018.

ⁱ Estimates indicate the additional allocation amount would be \$8.7 million.

ⁱⁱ The additional allocation calculation of \$18 x population is based on previous expansions of the LIHTC. Following Hurricane Katrina, the Gulf Opportunities Zone Act of 2005 created GO Zones, or Gulf Opportunity Zones. The LIHTC program allocations increased to an amount equal to \$18 per capita (based on pre-disaster census data) for each calendar year 2006-2008. Similarly, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 provided an allocation of \$18 x population for victims of the Midwestern flood disaster in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin, as well as areas in Texas and Louisiana affected by Hurricane Ike.