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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To authorize the appropriation of \$2,000,000,000 for rental vouchers for high population areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GALLEGO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 Vouchers
5 Fairness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RENTAL VOUCHERS FOR HIGH GROWTH POPU-**
2 **LATION AREAS.**

3 Section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of
4 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 “(23) RENTAL VOUCHERS FOR HIGH GROWTH
7 POPULATION AREAS.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall,
9 each year, using amounts appropriated pursu-
10 ant to subparagraph (B), provide additional as-
11 sistance in an equitable manner to each eligible
12 public housing agency for tenant-based assist-
13 ance, based on the population in the eligible
14 public housing agency, the extent to which ex-
15 isting voucher allocations of the eligible public
16 housing agency do not meet its housing afford-
17 ability needs, and historical shortfalls in pro-
18 viding assistance to such eligible public housing
19 agency as a result of voucher formula alloca-
20 tions not keeping pace with population growth
21 over the period identified in subparagraph
22 (C)(ii).

23 “(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
24 TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-
25 priated to Secretary to carry out this paragraph

1 \$2,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2025, and for re-
2 newals in each fiscal year thereafter.

3 “(C) ELIGIBLE PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY
4 DEFINED.—For the purposes of this paragraph,
5 the term ‘eligible public housing agency’ means
6 a public housing agency that administers Fed-
7 eral housing assistance for an area that, as de-
8 termined by the Secretary—

9 “(i) has a population of greater than
10 100,000; and

11 “(ii) is one of 25 areas in the United
12 States that experienced the highest popu-
13 lation growth between 2012 to 2022.”.