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To establish the Creating American Investment, Redevelopment, and
Opportunity Task Force.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

To establish the Creating American Investment,
Redevelopment, and Opportunity Task Force.

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 “Creating American In-
5 vestment, Redevelopment, and Opportunity Task Force
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

9 (1) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—

10 The term “broadband Internet access service” has

1 the meaning given the term in section 8.2 of title 47,
2 Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regu-
3 lation.

4 (2) CAIRO.—The term “Cairo” means the city
5 of Cairo, Illinois.

6 (3) COVERED STATE.—The term “covered
7 State” means the State of Illinois.

8 (4) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “Executive
9 agency” has the meaning given the term in section
10 105 of title 5, United States Code.

11 (5) PUBLIC HOUSING.—The term “public hous-
12 ing” has the meaning given the term in section 3(b)
13 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
14 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

15 (6) RELEVANT FEDERAL ENTITY.—The term
16 “relevant Federal entity” means—

17 (A) the Department of Housing and Urban
18 Development;

19 (B) the Department of Agriculture;

20 (C) the Department of Justice;

21 (D) the Department of Education;

22 (E) the Department of Veterans Affairs;

23 (F) the Department of Labor;

24 (G) the Department of Commerce;

25 (H) the Department of Transportation;

- 1 (I) the Department of Energy;
- 2 (J) the Department of Health and Human
3 Services;
- 4 (K) the Department of the Interior;
- 5 (L) the Environmental Protection Agency;
- 6 (M) the Federal Emergency Management
7 Agency;
- 8 (N) the Small Business Administration;
- 9 (O) the Federal Communications Commis-
10 sion;
- 11 (P) the Delta Regional Authority;
- 12 (Q) the Corporation for National and Com-
13 munity Service;
- 14 (R) the Interagency Task Force on Agri-
15 culture and Rural Prosperity;
- 16 (S) the Council of Economic Advisors;
- 17 (T) the National Economic Council;
- 18 (U) the Community Development Advisory
19 Board; and
- 20 (V) any other Executive agency that the
21 President determines is appropriate.

22 (7) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term
23 “small business concern” has the meaning given the
24 term in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15
25 U.S.C. 632).

1 (8) TASK FORCE.—The term “Task Force”
2 means the task force established under section 3(a).

3 **SEC. 3. CREATING AMERICAN INVESTMENT, REDEVELOP-**
4 **MENT AND OPPORTUNITY TASK FORCE.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a task
6 force to be known as the Creating American Investment,
7 Redevelopment and Opportunity Task Force.

8 (b) DUTIES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force shall—

10 (A) establish a plan to carry out the goals
11 described in paragraph (2); and

12 (B) coordinate Federal efforts to carry out
13 the plan described in subparagraph (A).

14 (2) GOALS.—The goals described in this para-
15 graph are—

16 (A) identifying existing public housing in
17 Alexander County, Illinois;

18 (B) building new affordable housing in
19 Alexander County, Illinois;

20 (C) recruiting investment in affordable
21 housing in Alexander County, Illinois;

22 (D) expanding and repairing infrastructure
23 in Cairo, while prioritizing safety and access to
24 interstate commerce, through methods such
25 as—

- 1 (i) installing and improving street
2 lights;
- 3 (ii) improving roads and sidewalks;
- 4 (iii) removing lead piping and imple-
5 menting safe and sanitary piping;
- 6 (iv) introducing—
- 7 (I) municipal broadband Internet
8 access service; and
- 9 (II) other modern improvements
10 to rural infrastructure;
- 11 (v) ensuring affordable access to pub-
12 lic utilities, including power, water, and
13 sewage; and
- 14 (vi) assessing flood insurance rate
15 maps in order to ensure safety in Cairo
16 and allow for proper urban planning to en-
17 courage future economic investment;
- 18 (E) spurring public and private investment
19 targeted at economic growth and bringing in-
20 dustry employers to Cairo;
- 21 (F) assisting small business concerns in
22 Cairo by—
- 23 (i) examining present barriers that
24 small business concerns in Cairo face;

1 (ii) establishing short-term and long-
2 term goals to encourage growth of small
3 business concerns and prosperity in Cairo;
4 and

5 (iii) assisting small business concerns
6 in Cairo to leverage Federal, covered State,
7 and private funding;

8 (G) in partnership with covered State and
9 local schools, universities, community colleges,
10 and other relevant organizations, creating op-
11 portunities for residents of Cairo to obtain edu-
12 cation, technical training, and employment
13 counseling; and

14 (H) encouraging covered State and local
15 participation in and gathering local input on
16 the creation and implementation of programs
17 related to the plan described in paragraph
18 (1)(A).

19 (3) CONSULTATION WITH COVERED STATE AND
20 LOCAL AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS.—In carrying
21 out the duties described in paragraph (1), the Task
22 Force shall consult regularly with—

23 (A) the Attorney General of the covered
24 State;

25 (B) covered State and local agencies;

1 (C) organizations that provide services for
2 veterans; and

3 (D) consumer advocates.

4 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

5 (1) MEMBERS.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force shall
7 consist of each of the heads, or the designee of
8 the head, of each of the relevant Federal enti-
9 ties.

10 (B) DESIGNEES.—A designee of a head of
11 a relevant Federal entity under subparagraph
12 (A) shall be an official of that relevant Federal
13 entity who, in that capacity, exercises signifi-
14 cant decision-making authority for oversight or
15 investigatory activities and responsibilities re-
16 lated to any of the goals described in subsection
17 (b)(2).

18 (2) CHAIRPERSON.—The Secretary of Housing
19 and Urban Development, or the designee of the Sec-
20 retary of Housing and Urban Development, shall
21 serve as the Chairperson of the Task Force.

22 (d) MEETINGS.—The members of the Task Force
23 shall meet regularly, but not less than once during each
24 quarter of each fiscal year, to carry out the duties de-
25 scribed in subsection (b)(1).

1 (e) REPORTS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months
3 after the date of enactment of this Act, and each
4 year thereafter, the Task Force shall submit to Con-
5 gress a report that includes—

6 (A) for the year for which the report is
7 submitted, an accounting of—

8 (i) any action by the Federal, covered
9 State, or local government to carry out the
10 plan described in subsection (b)(1)(A); and

11 (ii) any award of Federal funding for
12 a project in Cairo, including information
13 relating to—

14 (I) the amount of the award;

15 (II) the purpose of the award;

16 (III) the beneficiary of the
17 award; and

18 (IV) the manner in which the
19 award was used;

20 (B) a description of any partnerships cre-
21 ated as a result of the activities of the Task
22 Force, including partnerships involving—

23 (i) Federal agencies;

24 (ii) covered State and local govern-
25 ments;

1 (iii) investors; and

2 (iv) nonprofit and public service orga-
3 nizations;

4 (C) information relating to, as a result of
5 the Task Force—

6 (i) the number of jobs created;

7 (ii) the number of businesses started;

8 (iii) the amount of public housing pro-
9 vided to individuals in Cairo;

10 (iv) the industries recruited to assist
11 in carrying out the plan described in sub-
12 section (b)(1)(A);

13 (v) benefits that have arisen in the re-
14 gion in which Cairo is located; and

15 (vi) housing vacancies in Cairo; and

16 (D) for the year following the date of sub-
17 mission of the report—

18 (i) a description of the goals, prior-
19 ities, and anticipated actions of the Task
20 Force, local participants in programs re-
21 lated to the plan described in subsection
22 (b)(1)(A), and partners of the Task Force;
23 and

1 (ii) a detailed implementation plan for
2 the goals, priorities, and anticipated ac-
3 tions described in clause (i).

4 (2) PUBLIC ACCESS.—The report described in
5 paragraph (1) shall be made available to the public
6 in a manner that is easily accessible to stakeholders.

7 (f) TASK FORCE SUPPORT.—The head of each rel-
8 evant Federal entity shall ensure appropriate staff and of-
9 ficials of that relevant Federal entity are available to sup-
10 port any Task Force-related work of that relevant Federal
11 entity.