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Mr. FEINGOLD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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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 “Affordable Housing  
5 Expansion and Public Safety Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN INCREMENTAL SECTION 8 VOUCHERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In fiscal year 2008 and subject  
8 to renewal, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-  
9 ment shall provide an additional 100,000 incremental  
10 vouchers for tenant-based rental housing assistance under

1 low-income individuals and families that were  
 2 supported by—

3 “(i) funds set aside specifically for  
 4 such individuals and families under section  
 5 212(a)(6); and

6 “(ii) any other funds awarded under  
 7 this subtitle.

8 “(3) INCLUSION WITH PERFORMANCE RE-  
 9 PORT.—The certification required under paragraph  
 10 (1) shall be included in the jurisdiction’s annual per-  
 11 formance report submitted to the Secretary under  
 12 section 108(a) and made available to the public.”.

13 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-  
 14 tion to any other amounts authorized to be appropriated  
 15 under any other law or appropriations Act to carry out  
 16 the provisions of title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-  
 17 tional Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq.),  
 18 there are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the  
 19 provisions of this section \$400,000,000 for each of fiscal  
 20 years 2008 through 2012.

21 **SEC. 4. PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING CRIME AND DRUG**  
 22 **ELIMINATION PROGRAM.**

23 (a) TITLE CHANGE.—The chapter heading of chapter  
 24 2 of subtitle C of title V of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of

1 1988 (42 U.S.C. 11901 et seq.) is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **“CHAPTER 2—PUBLIC AND ASSISTED**  
4 **HOUSING CRIME AND DRUG ELIMI-**  
5 **NATION PROGRAM”.**

6 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

7 (1) AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED.—Section 5129(a)  
8 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C.  
9 11908(a)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-  
11 propriated to carry out this chapter \$200,000,000 for  
12 each of fiscal years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.”.

13 (2) SET ASIDE FOR THE OFFICE OF POLICY DE-  
14 VELOPMENT AND RESEARCH.—Section 5129 of the  
15 Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 11908) is  
16 amended by adding at the end the following:

17 “(d) SET ASIDE FOR THE OFFICE OF POLICY DE-  
18 VELOPMENT AND RESEARCH.—Of any amounts made  
19 available in any fiscal year to carry out this chapter not  
20 less than 2 percent shall be available to the Office of Pol-  
21 icy Development and Research to carry out the functions  
22 required under section 5130.”.

23 (c) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Section 5124(a)(6) of  
24 the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C.  
25 11903(a)(6)) is amended by striking the semicolon and

1 inserting the following: “, except that the activities con-  
2 ducted under any such program and paid for, in whole  
3 or in part, with grant funds awarded under this chapter  
4 may only include—

5 “(A) providing access to treatment for  
6 drug abuse through rehabilitation or relapse  
7 prevention;

8 “(B) providing education about the dan-  
9 gers and adverse consequences of drug use or  
10 violent crime;

11 “(C) assisting drug users in discontinuing  
12 their drug use through an education program,  
13 and, if appropriate, referring such users to a  
14 drug treatment program;

15 “(D) providing after school activities for  
16 youths for the purpose of discouraging, reduc-  
17 ing, or eliminating drug use or violent crime by  
18 youths;

19 “(E) providing capital improvements for  
20 the purpose of discouraging, reducing, or elimi-  
21 nating drug use or violent crime; and

22 “(F) providing security services for the  
23 purpose of discouraging, reducing, or elimi-  
24 nating drug use or violent crime.”.

25 (d) EFFECTIVENESS.—



1           (1) APPLICATION PLAN.—Section 5125(a) of  
2 the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C.  
3 11904(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
4 lowing: “To the maximum extent feasible, each plan  
5 submitted under this section shall be developed in  
6 coordination with relevant local law enforcement  
7 agencies and other local entities involved in crime  
8 prevention and reduction. Such plan also shall in-  
9 clude an agreement to work cooperatively with the  
10 Office of Policy Development and Research in its ef-  
11 forts to carry out the functions required under sec-  
12 tion 5130.”

13           (2) HUD REPORT.—Section 5127 of the Anti-  
14 Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 11906) is  
15 amended by adding at the end the following:

16           “(d) EFFECTIVENESS REPORT.—The Secretary shall  
17 submit a report to the Congress not later than 4 years  
18 after the date of the enactment of the Affordable Housing  
19 Expansion and Public Safety Act that includes—

20           “(1) aggregate data regarding the categories of  
21 program activities that have been funded by grants  
22 under this chapter;

23           “(2) promising strategies related to preventing  
24 and reducing violent and drug-related crime in pub-

1       lic and federally assisted low-income housing derived  
2       from—

3               “(A) a review of existing research; and

4               “(B) evaluations of programs funded by  
5       grants under this chapter that were conducted  
6       by the Office of Policy Development and Review  
7       or by the grantees themselves;

8               “(3) how the information gathered in para-  
9       graph (2) has been incorporated into—

10              “(A) the guidance provided to applicants  
11       under this chapter; and

12              “(B) the implementing regulations under  
13       this chapter; and

14              “(4) any statutory changes that the Secretary  
15       would recommend to help make grants awarded  
16       under this chapter more effective.”.

17              (3) OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RE-  
18       SEARCH REVIEW AND PLAN.—Chapter 2 of subtitle  
19       C of title V of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (42  
20       U.S.C. 11901 et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
21       end the following:

22       **“SEC. 5130. OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RE-**  
23       **SEARCH REVIEW AND PLAN.**

24       “(a) REVIEW.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Policy Devel-  
2           opment and Research established pursuant to sec-  
3           tion 501 of the Housing and Urban Development  
4           Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z–1) shall conduct a re-  
5           view of existing research relating to preventing and  
6           reducing violent and drug-related crime to assess,  
7           using scientifically rigorous and acceptable methods,  
8           which strategies—

9                   “(A) have been found to be effective in  
10                  preventing and reducing violent and drug-re-  
11                  lated crimes; and

12                   “(B) would be likely to be effective in pre-  
13                  venting and reducing violent and drug-related  
14                  crimes in public and federally assisted low-in-  
15                  come housing environments.

16           “(2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after  
17           the date of enactment of the Affordable Housing Ex-  
18           pansion and Public Safety Act, the Secretary shall  
19           issue a written report with the results of the review  
20           required under paragraph (1).

21           “(b) EVALUATION PLAN.—

22                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon completion of the re-  
23                  view required under subsection (a)(1), the Office of  
24                  Policy Development and Research, in consultation  
25                  with housing authorities, social scientists, and other

1 interested parties, shall develop and implement a  
2 plan for evaluating the effectiveness of strategies  
3 funded under this chapter, including new and inno-  
4 vative strategies and existing strategies, that have  
5 not previously been subject to rigorous evaluation  
6 methodologies.

7 “(2) **METHODOLOGY.**—The plan described in  
8 paragraph (1) shall require such evaluations to use  
9 rigorous methodologies, particularly random assign-  
10 ment (where practicable), that are capable of pro-  
11 ducing scientifically valid knowledge regarding which  
12 program activities are effective in preventing and re-  
13 ducing violent and drug-related crime in public and  
14 other federally assisted low-income housing.”.

15 **SEC. 5. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE CREATION**  
16 **OF A NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING**  
17 **TRUST FUND.**

18 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

19 (1) Only 1 in 4 eligible households receives Fed-  
20 eral rental assistance.

21 (2) The number of families facing severe hous-  
22 ing cost burdens grew by almost 2,000,0000 house-  
23 holds between 2001 and 2004.

24 (3) 1 in 3 families spend more than 30 percent  
25 of their earnings on housing costs.