AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–8

OFFERED BY MS. ESCOBAR OF TEXAS

Page 439, after line 5, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent paragraph accordingly):

“(3) INVESTMENTS IN COLONIAS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the grants made available under this section, for fiscal years 2023 through 2026, a total of not less than $20,000,000 shall be made available to provide grants that improve the safety, state of good repair, or connectivity of surface transportation infrastructure eligible under this section in and providing access to, colonias.

“(B) RURAL AND COMMUNITY SET ASIDES.—Funds made available under this section in areas described in paragraphs (1)(A) or (1)(B) shall count toward the set aside described in the applicable paragraph.

“(C) COLONIA DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘colonia’ means any identifiable community that—
“(i) is in the State of Arizona, California, New Mexico, or Texas;

“(ii) is in the area of the United States within 150 miles of the border between the United States and Mexico, except that the term does not include any standard metropolitan statistical area that has a population exceeding 1,000,000; and

“(iii) is determined to be a colonia on the basis of objective criteria, including lack of potable water supply, lack of adequate sewage systems, and lack of decent, safe, and sanitary housing.

Page 492, strike line 14 and all that follows through page 493, line 15 (and redesignate the subsequent subsections accordingly).