

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY**

At the end of subtitle C of title VI, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . EXPANSION OF DEFINITION OF “RURAL AREA”**  
2 **FOR PURPOSES OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES**  
3 **AND BROADBAND GRANT AND TECHNICAL**  
4 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) **COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM.—**  
6 Section 343(a)(13)(C) of the Consolidated Farm and  
7 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)(C)) is  
8 amended—

9 (1) by striking “(19),”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following: “For  
11 purposes of grants under section 306(a)(19), the  
12 term ‘rural area’ means any area other than (i) a  
13 city, town, or unincorporated area that has a popu-  
14 lation of greater than 50,000 inhabitants, and (ii)  
15 any urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such  
16 a city or town.”.

17 (3) any urbanized area contiguous and adjacent  
18 to such a city or town.

1 (b) COMMUNITY CONNECT GRANT PROGRAM.—Sec-  
2 tion 604(a)(4) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936  
3 (7 U.S.C. 950bb-3(a)(4)) is amended to read as follows:

4 “(4) RURAL AREA.—The term ‘rural area’  
5 means any area other than—

6 “(A) an area described in clause (i) or (ii)  
7 of section 343(a)(13)(A) of the Consolidated  
8 Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.  
9 1991(a)(13)(A)); and

10 “(B) a city, town, or incorporated area  
11 that has a population of greater than 50,000  
12 inhabitants.”.

13 (c) RECONNECT PROGRAM.—Section 779 of the Con-  
14 solidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-141)  
15 is amended by inserting “, defined for this pilot program  
16 as any area other than (A) a city, town, or unincorporated  
17 area that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhab-  
18 itants, and (B) any urbanized area contiguous and adja-  
19 cent to such a city or town,” before “without sufficient  
20 access”.

21 (d) BROADBAND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRO-  
22 GRAM.—For purposes of the broadband technical assist-  
23 ance program administered by the Secretary, the term  
24 “rural area” means any area other than—

- 1           (1) a city, town, or unincorporated area that
- 2           has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants,
- 3           and
- 4           (2) any urbanized area contiguous and adjacent
- 5           to such a city or town.

