

**AMENDMENT TO H. CON. RES. 25, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. WATERS OF CALIFORNIA**

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At the end of the resolution, insert the following:

1 **TITLE IX—TIGER GRANTS FOR**
2 **JOB CREATION**

3 **SEC. 901. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the “TIGER Grants for
5 Job Creation Act”.

6 **SEC. 902. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The economy is struggling to recover from
9 the recession. The unemployment rate is nearly 8
10 percent nationwide and is even higher in minority
11 and disadvantaged communities.

12 (2) The American Society of Civil Engineers’
13 2009 Report Card for America’s Infrastructure esti-
14 mated that there is a \$549,500,000,000 shortfall in

1 investments in roads and bridges and an additional
2 \$190,100,000,000 shortfall in investments in tran-
3 sit.

4 (3) TIGER, formally known as the Transpor-
5 tation Investment Generating Economic Recovery
6 (TIGER) grant program, is a nationwide competitive
7 grant program that creates jobs by funding invest-
8 ments in transportation infrastructure by States,
9 local governments, and transit agencies.

10 (4) TIGER funds projects that will have a sig-
11 nificant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area,
12 or a region.

13 (5) In distributing grants under TIGER, the
14 Secretary of Transportation is required to ensure an
15 equitable geographic distribution of funds, a balance
16 in addressing the needs of urban and rural areas,
17 and investments in a variety of modes of transpor-
18 tation.

19 (6) Past appropriations for TIGER are not suf-
20 ficient to address the need for investments in trans-
21 portation infrastructure in communities throughout
22 the United States as the amounts only fund a small
23 fraction of the transportation infrastructure projects
24 for which TIGER grant applications have been re-
25 ceived.

1 (7) TIGER received an appropriation of
2 \$500,000,000 in fiscal year 2012.

3 (8) The President requested an appropriation of
4 \$500,000,000 for TIGER in fiscal year 2013.

5 (9) The Secretary of Transportation has been
6 unable to organize a competition for TIGER grants
7 in 2013 due to the uncertainty surrounding seques-
8 tration and fiscal year 2013 appropriations.

9 (10) Restricting appropriations for TIGER
10 through the use of arbitrary budget caps or seques-
11 tration undermines economic recovery and job cre-
12 ation efforts; disrupts planning by states, local gov-
13 ernments, and transit agencies; and leaves critical
14 infrastructure needs unmet.

15 (11) Emergency supplemental appropriations
16 for TIGER, provided in addition to other appropria-
17 tions and not subject to sequestration, will improve
18 transportation infrastructure and create jobs
19 throughout the United States without reducing
20 funding for other domestic priorities.

21 (12) An emergency supplemental appropriation
22 of \$500,000,000 for TIGER to be made available in
23 fiscal year 2013 and an additional emergency sup-
24 plemental appropriation of \$500,000,000 to be made
25 available in fiscal year 2014 will allow the Secretary

1 of Transportation to begin immediately to organize
2 new competitions for TIGER grants and allow
3 states, local governments, and transit agencies to
4 prepare grant applications, thus ensuring an effi-
5 cient use of funds and timely job creation

6 **SEC. 903. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR TIGER**
7 **DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 The following sums are appropriated, out of any
9 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for fis-
10 cal year 2013:

11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
12 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
13 NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

14 For an additional amount for “National Infrastruc-
15 ture Investments” in accordance with the provisions under
16 this heading in title I of division C of Public Law 112–
17 55, \$1,000,000,000, of which \$500,000,000 shall become
18 available on the date of the enactment of this section, and
19 \$500,000,000 shall become available on October 1, 2013:
20 *Provided*, That the amount under this heading shall re-
21 main available until September 30, 2014: *Provided further*,
22 That the amount under this heading is designated by the
23 Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
24 tion 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
25 Deficit Control Act of 1985, except that such amount shall

1 be available only if the President subsequently so des-
2 ignates such amount and transmits such designation to
3 the Congress.

4 **SEC. 904. EXEMPTION FROM SEQUESTRATION.**

5 The appropriation in section 903 shall be exempt
6 from any sequestration under section 251A of the Bal-
7 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985
8 (2 U.S.C. 901a).

