

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of division A, insert the following new title:

1 **TITLE XI—TIGER GRANTS FOR**
2 **JOB CREATION ACT**

3 **SEC. 11001. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 11002. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The economy is still struggling to recover
9 from the recession. According to the Bureau of
10 Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate is 5.4 per-
11 cent nationwide and is significantly higher in some
12 minority and disadvantaged communities.

13 (2) The American Society of Civil Engineers
14 gave the public infrastructure of the United States
15 a grade of “D+” in 2013 and estimated that we will
16 need to invest \$3.6 trillion by 2020 in order to im-

1 prove the condition of our Nation's public infrastruc-
2 ture.

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

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

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

18 (6) TIGER received an appropriation of
19 \$600,000,000 in fiscal year 2014 and an appropria-
20 tion of \$500,000,000 in fiscal year 2015.

21 (7) Past appropriations for TIGER are not suf-
22 ficient to address the need for investments in trans-
23 portation infrastructure in communities throughout
24 the United States as the amounts only fund a small
25 fraction of the transportation infrastructure projects

1 for which TIGER grant applications have been re-
2 ceived.

3 (8) The President requested an appropriation of
4 \$1.25 billion for TIGER in fiscal year 2016, as part
5 of an expanded TIGER program that will provide
6 \$7.5 billion for TIGER over 6 years.

7 (9) Appropriating \$7.5 billion in fiscal year
8 2016 for TIGER and allowing the funds to remain
9 available for 6 years will enable the Secretary of
10 Transportation to begin immediately to implement
11 the President's proposal to expand the TIGER pro-
12 gram.

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

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

1 (12) An emergency supplemental appropriation
2 of \$7.5 billion for TIGER to be made available in
3 fiscal year 2016 and to remain available for 6 years
4 will allow the Secretary of Transportation to begin
5 immediately to organize new competitions for
6 TIGER grants and allow States, local governments,
7 and transit agencies to prepare grant applications,
8 thus ensuring an efficient use of funds and timely
9 job creation.

10 **SEC. 11003. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR TIGER**
11 **DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM.**

12 The following sums are appropriated, out of any
13 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for fis-
14 cal year 2016:

15 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

16 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

17 NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

18 For an additional amount for “National Infrastruc-
19 ture Investments” in accordance with the provisions under
20 this heading in title I of division K of Public Law 113–
21 235, \$7,500,000,000, to remain available through Sep-
22 tember 30, 2021: *Provided*, That the amount under this
23 heading is designated by the Congress as an emergency
24 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Bal-
25 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985,

1 except that such amount shall be available only if the
2 President subsequently so designates such amount and
3 transmits such designation to the Congress.

4 **SEC. 11004. EXEMPTION FROM SEQUESTRATION.**

5 The appropriation in section 11003 shall be exempt
6 from sequestration under the Balanced Budget and Emer-
7 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

