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111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide for enhanced State and local oversight of activities conducted pursuant to such Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TOWNS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Enhanced Oversight
5 of State and Local Economic Recovery Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING FOR STATE AND**
2 **LOCAL OVERSIGHT UNDER AMERICAN RE-**
3 **COVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009.**

4 (a) **FEDERAL AGENCY REQUIREMENT.**—Section
5 1552 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of
6 2009 (Public Law 111–5; 123 Stat. 297) is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(a) **FEDERAL AGENCY RE-**
8 **QUIREMENT.**—” before “Federal agencies receiving”;

9 (2) by striking “may,” and all that follows
10 through “reasonably” and inserting “shall, subject
11 to guidance from the Director of the Office of Man-
12 agement and Budget,”; and

13 (3) by striking “data collection requirements”
14 and inserting “data collection requirements, audit-
15 ing, contract and grant planning and management,
16 and investigations of waste, fraud, and abuse”.

17 (b) **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY.**—
18 Such section is further amended by adding at the end the
19 following new subsection:

20 “(b) **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHOR-**
21 **ITY.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, State
22 and local governments receiving funds under this Act may
23 set aside an amount up to 0.5 percent of such funds, in
24 addition to any funds already allocated to administrative
25 expenditures, to conduct planning and oversight to prevent
26 and detect waste, fraud, and abuse.”.

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading for
2 section 1552 of such Act is amended to read as follows:

3 **“SEC. 1552. FUNDING FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
4 **OVERSIGHT.”.**

5 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR ACQUISITION BY STATE AND**
6 **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGH FEDERAL**
7 **SUPPLY SCHEDULES.**

8 Section 502 of title 40, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(e) USE OF SUPPLY SCHEDULES FOR ECONOMIC
11 RECOVERY.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may
13 provide for the use by State or local governments of
14 Federal supply schedules of the General Services Ad-
15 ministration for goods or services that are funded by
16 the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of
17 2009 (Public Law 111–5).

18 “(2) VOLUNTARY USE.—In the case of the use
19 by a State or local government of a Federal supply
20 schedule pursuant to paragraph (1), participation by
21 a firm that sells to the Federal Government through
22 the supply schedule shall be voluntary with respect
23 to a sale to the State or local government through
24 such supply schedule.

1 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—The definitions in sub-
2 section (c)(3) shall apply for purposes of this sub-
3 section.”.

4 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION OF JOBS CREATED AND JOBS RE-**
5 **TAINED.**

6 Section 1512(g) of the American Recovery and Rein-
7 vestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5; 123 Stat. 288)
8 is amended by adding at the end “The Director of the
9 Office of Management and Budget shall issue guidance to
10 ensure accurate and consistent reporting of ‘jobs created’
11 and ‘jobs retained’ as those terms are used in subsection
12 (c)(3)(D).”.