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Sustainable and Livable Initiatives

Congressman Tom Latham, as Chairman of the Transportation/HUD House Appropriations Subcommittee, moved his FY-13 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill out of the full Appropriations Committee on June 19; thereafter, the bill passed the House on June 29th, by a vote of 261-163, with 79 Democrats voting for zero funding for the Sustainability Program. The bill contains NO funding for the Sustainable Communities Initiative.

The Report accompanying Chairman Latham's bill reads:

“The Committee declines to set aside any Community Development Block Grant funds for Sustainable Communities grants, consistent with the fact that there is no authorization for this program and that the committee of jurisdiction does not want this unauthorized program funded.”

This zero funds the program on the House side of the spending bill – as it did in last year's (2012) House version.

The Senate has now written their bill and it contains \$50 million dollars for Sustainable and Livable Initiatives. The Senate bill has not yet been voted on.

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