

Amendment to the Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017

Offered by Mr. Gregory W. Meeks of New York

On page 15, line 6, and insert the following:

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Amendment

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) by law must dedicate at least 60 percent of its total lending to low income communities, and include several Minority Depository Institutions (MDIs) focused on serving minority groups that have been traditionally underserved by mainstream financial institutions. Housed within the Department of the Treasury, the CDFI Fund provides financial assistance to CDFI certified institutions. The fund's mission is to expand the capacity of these financial institutions to provide credit, capital, and financial services to underserved populations and communities around the country. Through its administration of the New Market Tax Credit, the Bank Enterprise Loan, and other financial programs, the CDFI Fund has invested directly in local communities, and attracted billions of dollars in additional private-sector investments.

According to its last released annual financial report, since its inception, the CDFI Fund has awarded more than \$1.9 billion to CDFIs and allocated \$33 billion in New Markets Tax Credits. In FY 2014 alone, CDFI program awardees reported that they provided over \$195 million in financing to homeowners, businesses, and commercial and residential real estate developments, with over 70 percent of loans originating in distressed communities and to underserved populations and minority borrowers. Moreover, the fund supported the creation and preservation of 32,621 units of affordable housing for its All-Affordable Housing measure, and New Market Tax Credit Program allocatees helped finance qualified investments of almost \$4 billion in low-income communities. At the same time, CDFI funding recipients successfully maintained sound investment portfolio performance.

We must fully fund programs that target underserved communities and provide support and capital directly to them. It is critical that we make the necessary investments to get people back to work, empower local communities to develop their economies, and support community development financial institutions that are providing vital financial services to consumers left out of the traditional banking system. The CDFI Fund is exemplary of that effort and we support its full funding for FY 2017.