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To amend title 49, United States Code, to allow certain urbanized areas with a population of over 200,000 to be eligible under the small transit intensive cities formula, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CARBAJAL 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 “Small Transit Commu-
5 nities Modernization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBLE AREA.**

2 Section 5336(i) of title 49, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking subparagraph
5 (A) and inserting the following:

6 “(A) ELIGIBLE AREA.—

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
8 vided in clause (ii), the term ‘eligible area’
9 means an urbanized area with a population
10 of less than 200,000 that meets or exceeds
11 in one or more performance categories the
12 industry average for all urbanized areas
13 with a population of at least 200,000 but
14 not more than 999,999, as determined by
15 the Secretary in accordance with sub-
16 section (c)(2).

17 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—For any fiscal
18 year beginning after the date of enactment
19 of the Small Transit Communities Mod-
20 ernization Act through fiscal year 2030,
21 with respect to a transit agency that
22 served an urbanized area determined by
23 the 2010 census to have had a population
24 of less than 200,000, the term ‘eligible
25 area’ shall include an urbanized area
26 that—

1 “(I) was determined to be an ur-
2 banized area with a population of at
3 least 200,000 but not more than
4 999,999, according to the most recent
5 decennial census; and

6 “(II) met or exceeded one or
7 more of the performance categories
8 described in subparagraph (B) in each
9 of the 3 years prior to the year in
10 which the apportionment is pro-
11 vided.”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(3) CENSUS PHASE-OUT.—Before apportioning
14 funds under subsection (h)(3), for any urbanized
15 area that is no longer an eligible area due to a
16 change in population in the most recent decennial
17 census, the Secretary shall apportion to such urban-
18 ized area, for 3 fiscal years, an amount equal to half
19 of the funds apportioned to such urbanized area pur-
20 suant to this subsection for the previous fiscal
21 year.”.