

A BILL

To create the Office of Community Design, Development, and Financial Stability and to develop national, State, and local strategies and initiatives designed to remove illegal drugs and money laundering from communities in concert with reconverting communities into independent economic sources of influence.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “People’s Bill”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

- (1) Communities have an intrinsic right to learn, evaluate, and determine the effectiveness of policies, decisions, regulations and laws, both public and covert, on efforts to combat illegal drugs, money laundering, and community development that resulted in the destruction and/or the decline of the quality of life in communities, individuals, unjustified imprisonment, and death of innocent Americans and other human beings around the world;
- (2) Drugs and community development are one issue, not two, and any and all resolutions addressing these matters must always take this fact into account;
- (3) Communities have an intrinsic right to design and develop their own communities as they see fit and not have to depend on funding sources to do this for them;
- (4) All confiscated drug related properties and/or monies belong to the communities of America and are to be used as the communities deem appropriate;
- (5) Intimidation and/or terror produced by drug dealing and/or operations shall be considered acts of terrorism and shall carry mandatory sentencing with the most severe penalties meted out from the top leadership or protectors down;
- (6) Persons found to be part or head of the partaking in local community intimidation or terrorism shall forfeit any and all personal wealth, pensions, property, income, etc.;
- (7) Any person, corporation, enterprise, or financial institution that harbors, protects, or gives shelter to drug dealers or money launderers shall be subject to laws governing acts of terrorism ; and
- (8) Communities will need appropriate education and training in this endeavor which must be devoid of misinformation, disinformation, generalizations, deceptions, implied or actual intimidation. Persons participating in such acts shall be subject to laws outlined in # 4-5-6 of Section 2.
- (9) Above all else, Communities have an intrinsic right to share their best ideas and practices with other communities so as to devise specific and comprehensive strategies to bring the drug issue in America, as we know it today, to an end in concert with the reconversion of the communities.

SEC. 3. PURPOSE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—It is the purpose of this Act to establish the Office of Community Design, Development and Financial Stability (hereinafter called the “Office”), which shall serve as a major vehicle for the communities of America to establish domestic tranquility and appropriate training and planning to prepare their communities and those living therein for the opportunities to be prosperous, safe, and live in dignity. A Director (hereinafter called the “Director”), appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall

1 head the Office, and shall receive compensation at the rate now or hereafter prescribed for
2 offices and positions at Level (_?_) of the Executive Schedule.

3 (b) DUTIES.—In addition to any powers which the President is authorized to and does
4 designate to the Director for the purpose of more effectively coordinating the mobilization of
5 federal, State, and local resources to assist communities in the designing and developing of their
6 own communities, the Director shall, subject to the direction of the President—

7 (1) formulate or have formulated such national, State, and local plans and education and
8 training programs, including strategies and initiatives, as are necessary for communities to
9 be properly prepared for the task of designing, developing, and financing their own
10 community initiatives and reconversions:

11 (2) assist communities to devise a common definition for the expression, “community
12 development”:

13 (3) develop a national clearing house of best ideas and practices for communities
14 within the United States to share and benefit by including creative ideas that have proven to
15 remove illegal drugs and money laundering operations and replace them with practices that
16 have improved the quality of life for individuals and the communities as a whole:

17 (4) assist communities to find a common strategy to bring the illegal drug issue to an end
18 from their perspective while designing and reconverting their communities into independent
19 sources of revenue and habitats in which they can live in dignity:

20 (5) issue such orders and regulations to executive agencies as may be necessary to provide
21 for the exercise of their powers in a manner consistent with the plans formulated under this
22 section. Each executive agency shall have a duty to carry out all orders and regulations of
23 the Director expeditiously and, to the extent necessary to carry out such orders and
24 regulations, shall modify its operations and procedures and issue regulations with respect
25 thereto. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as authorizing any activities to
26 carry out any plans formulated under this section which are not within the scope of the
27 powers possessed by the President or the executive agencies under provisions of law other
28 than this section;

29 (6) recommend to the Congress appropriate legislation providing authority to carry out
30 plans developed under this section but not authorized under existing law;

31 (7) promote and assist in the development of community reconversion plans by executive
32 agencies and develop procedures whereby each executive agency is kept informed of such
33 proposed reconversion plans and proposals which relate to its work and which are being
34 developed or carried out by other executive agencies; and shall have final authority to settle
35 controversies between executive agencies in the development and administration of such
36 plans;

37 (8) cause studies and reports to be made for him or her by the various executive agencies
38 which will enable him or her to determine the need for the simplification, consolidation, or
39 elimination of such executive entities, regulations, policies, decisions, or laws as have been
40 established for the purpose of combating illegal drug trafficking, distribution, and use;

41 (9) institute a specific study, for submission to the President and the Congress, of the
42 present functions of the various executive agencies in the field of community development,
43 and develop a program for reorganizing and consolidating such agencies to the fullest extent
44 practicable;

45 (10) consult and cooperate with State and local governments, industry, labor, and other
46 groups, both national and local, concerning the problems of assisting, sharing, or
47 coordinating with drug free communities to become independent economic sources of
48 influence;

49 (11) submit reports to the President, the Senate, and the House of Representatives on the first
50 days of January and June, as they occur, on the activities undertaken or contemplated by
51 him under this Act. Such reports shall summarize and appraise the relevant activities of the
52 various executive agencies, and may include such legislative proposals as he or she may
53 deem necessary or desirable. These reports shall be made available to the public via the
54 Internet within 10 working days or less.

1 **SEC. 4. COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.**

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3 IN GENERAL.—(1)The Director, with the exception made in paragraph (2), shall, within
4 the limits of funds which may be made available, employ and fix the compensation of such
5 Deputy Directors and other officers and employees, and may make such expenditures for
6 supplies, facilities, and services, as may be necessary to carry out his or her functions.

7 (2) The Director shall appoint at least one Deputy Director who shall be responsible for
8 reclaiming and facilitating financial resources for community designs and developments.

9 (3) To the fullest extent practicable, the Director shall perform the duties imposed upon him
10 or her through the facilities and personnel of other executive agencies; and for that purpose
11 only he is authorized to delegate to the appropriate agencies and provide for the
12 redelegation of the powers and duties vested in him or her, except the power to issue orders
13 and regulations to other agencies. The Director may require such reports and information
14 from executive agencies as he or she deems necessary to enable him to carry out his or her
15 functions under this Act, and each executive agency shall furnish any information and
16 reports so required.

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18 **SEC. 5. COMMUNITY RECONVERSION FUND**

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20 (a) There is established within the Office a Community Reconversion Fund composed of
21 revenue deriving from confiscated illegal drug property and monies and other items of value.
22 The Fund shall not include property or monies confiscated solely through the efforts of state or
23 local law enforcement agencies except such confiscations that exceed (\$\$\$\$)?. The monies and
24 profits that do indeed exceed (\$\$\$\$), along with all other funds, properties, monies, or valuables
25 shall be deposited in the Community Reconversion Fund and used solely in support of the
26 purposes specified in Section 3 of this Act and shall not be used or made available for any other
27 purposes by any other agency or authority.

28 (b) Management and distribution of the Fund will rest in the discretion of the Board
29 pursuant to policies and procedures developed and approved by the Board (created pursuant to
30 Sec.6. of this Act).

31 (c) The Board will develop policies to determine priority of claims to the Fund. These
32 policies shall include:

33 (1) Standards for eligibility, with specific emphasis on criteria to identify communities
34 of underdevelopment, both socially and economically;

35 (2) Standards to facilitate development of locally controlled businesses and industries;
36 and,

37 (3) The infrastructures that must be in place in such communities,

38 (4) Funds for the dissemination of best ideas and practices emanating from the
39 communities of America that address suggested strategies to bring the drug issue in America, as
40 we know it today, to an end.

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42 **SEC. 6. ADVISORY BOARD.**

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44 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby created an advisory board (referred to in this Act as
45 the “Board”), which shall consist of twelve (12) members who shall be selected as follows:

46 (1) A **Committee of 10** (in this Act referred to as the “Committee”) of concerned citizens
47 shall initiate a process to select the members of the Board. For purposes of continuity and
48 efficiency, the Committee will serve as the same **Committee of 10** created under Sec.4 of
49 the Bill entitled the “Truth and Reconciliation Act.”

50 (2) The Committee will request nominees directly from the American people;

51 (3) The Committee shall reduce the number of proposed nominees to fifty (50) and shall set
52 forth the standards and rationales for their selection;

53 (4) The Committee shall present the fifty (50) selected nominees to the American people via
54 two (2) televised public hearings, with opportunity for questions from viewers; and

1 (5) The Committee shall reduce the number of selected nominees to twelve (12), who shall
2 constitute the members of the Board.

3 (6) The Committee shall request the American people to submit nominations for the Chair
4 of the Board from among the twelve (12) members, with reasons and rationales for the final
5 selection being set forth by the Committee.

6 (b) It shall be the general function of the Board to advise and consult with the Director with
7 respect to the purposes of this Act and the duties of the Director and make to him or her such
8 recommendations relating to legislation, policies, and procedures as it may deem necessary.

9 (c) All written and verbal recommendations made by Board members shall be a matter of
10 public record and shared, unedited, on the same day made, and placed immediately on the
11 Internet.

12 (d) It shall be the responsibility of Board members who initiate recommendations to
13 monitor and report back on the Internet the results that follow the recommendations. Reporting
14 back to the communities of America shall occur within a thirty(30)day period from initial
15 comment. An Interim Status Report on the functions and operations of the Office shall be issued
16 by the Board every six (6) months and made available to the public via the Internet.

17 (e) Provisions must be made available for a mutual exchange of ideas from the Director,
18 Board members, and concerned citizens around the country.

19 (f) Each member of the Board may be compensated at not to exceed the daily equivalent of
20 the annual rate of basic pay in effect for a position at level IV of the Executive Schedule under
21 section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for each day during which that member is engaged in
22 the actual performance of the duties of the Board.

23 (g) While away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of
24 services for the Board, members of the Board shall be allowed travel expenses, including per
25 diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the
26 Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703(b) of title 5, United States Code

27 **SEC. 7. OMBUDSMAN**

28 There shall be established within this Act an Ombudsman who shall oversee, monitor and
29 report back to the President, Congress, and the American people on decisions and or activities
30 within the Office and National Advisory Board that are not in compliance with the Act. All
31 reports will be issued via the Internet or public forum on the same day as the point in question is
32 observed.
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35 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

36 The Director is authorized to expend such funds as are appropriated for his or her use.
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