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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3116**  
**OFFERED BY** Mr. Higgins OF NEW YORK

In title V, at the end of subtitle B add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PRESERVATION OF URBAN AREA SECURITY INI-**  
2 **TIATIVE SECURITY GAINS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title XX of the  
4 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 603 et seq.)  
5 is amended by redesignating sections 2004 through 2008  
6 as sections 2005 through 2009, and by inserting after sec-  
7 tion 2003 the following:

8 **“SEC. 2004. PRESERVATION OF URBAN AREA SECURITY INI-**  
9 **TIATIVE SECURITY GAINS.**

10 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days  
11 after the date of enactment of the Department of Home-  
12 land Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, the  
13 Administrator shall establish a competitive grant program  
14 to make funding available for preservation of homeland  
15 security capabilities achieved by high-risk urban areas that  
16 received Urban Area Security Initiative funding in fiscal  
17 years 2009 or 2010 but were removed from the program  
18 thereafter.

19 “(b) APPLICATION.—Not later than 60 days after es-  
20 tablishment of the competitive grant program required

1 under subsection (a), the Administrator shall accept appli-  
2 cations with the following information:

3 “(1) A plan describing the proposed division of  
4 responsibilities and distribution of funding among  
5 the local and tribal governments in the high-risk  
6 urban area.

7 “(2) The name of an individual to serve as a  
8 high-risk urban area liaison with the Department  
9 and among the various jurisdictions in the high-risk  
10 urban area.

11 “(3) Performance measures and capabilities  
12 achieved through previous grant awards that are at  
13 risk of being reduced or eliminated.

14 “(4) Information on plans to enhance homeland  
15 security capabilities.

16 “(5) Such information in support of the appli-  
17 cation as the Administrator may reasonably require.

18 “(c) CRITERIA.—In awarding grants under this sec-  
19 tion, the Administrator shall evaluate each grant applica-  
20 tion and give priority to those that best—

21 “(1) sustain capabilities needed to prevent, pro-  
22 tect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from  
23 the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk  
24 to the nation as reflected in the Presidential Policy  
25 Directive 8 and the National Preparedness Goal;

1           “(2) sustain core capabilities developed through  
2 previous Urban Security Initiative grant allocations;

3           “(3) align with strategies and principles of the  
4 National Preparedness Goal, including the pro-  
5 motion of national preparedness including within the  
6 private and nonprofit sectors, nongovernmental or-  
7 ganizations, and the public;

8           “(4) support capabilities that enhance regional  
9 catastrophic planning and can be used nationally  
10 through mutual aid agreements before, during, and  
11 after incidents; and

12           “(5) align with other established grant funding  
13 priorities identified by the Administrator.

14       “(d) CONFORMANCE WITH THE URBAN AREA SECU-  
15 RITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM.—All provisions relating to  
16 State review and transmission, opportunity to amend, and  
17 distribution of awards, as established in section 2003,  
18 shall apply to the competitive grant program under this  
19 section.

20       “(e) LIMITATIONS OF AWARDS.—No one applicant  
21 may receive more than 15 percent of the total amount au-  
22 thorized for the competitive grant program under this sec-  
23 tion.

24       “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
25 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section

1 \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2012 through  
2 2014, of which not more than 5 percent shall be available  
3 each fiscal year for the costs of administering the grant  
4 program.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
6 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by increasing by  
7 one the section number in each of the items in the table  
8 relating sections 2004 through 2008, and by inserting  
9 after the item relating to section 2003 the following:

“Sec. 2004. Preservation of Urban Area Security Initiative security gains.”.

10 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Sections  
11 2003(b)(2)(A)(i) and 2005(e) of such Act (6 U.S.C.  
12 604(b)(2)(A)(i), 606(e)) are each amended by striking  
13 “section 2007” and inserting “section 2008”.

