

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6083****OFFERED BY MS. SEWELL OF ALABAMA**

At the appropriate place in title VI, insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . STRATEGIC ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DE-**  
2 **VELOPMENT.**

3 Subtitle D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-  
4 velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 1981 et seq.) is amended by in-  
5 serting after section 341 the following:

6 **“SEC. 342. STRATEGIC ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVEL-**  
7 **OPMENT.**

8 “(a) **PRIORITY.**—In the case of any program adminis-  
9 tered by the Rural Development agency of the Department  
10 of Agriculture, the Secretary may give priority to applica-  
11 tions that are otherwise eligible and support strategic com-  
12 munity and economic development plans on a multijuris-  
13 dictional basis, as approved by the Secretary.

14 “(b) **EVALUATION.**—In evaluating strategic applica-  
15 tions, the Secretary shall give a higher priority to strategic  
16 applications for a plan described in subsection (a) that  
17 demonstrate—

18 “(1) the plan was developed through the col-  
19 laboration of multiple stakeholders in the service rea

1 of the plan, including the participation of combina-  
2 tions of stakeholders such as State, local, and tribal  
3 governments, nonprofit institutions, institutions of  
4 higher education, and private entities;

5 “(2) an understanding of the applicable re-  
6 gional resources that could support the plan, includ-  
7 ing natural resources, human resources, infrastruc-  
8 ture, and financial resources;

9 “(3) investment from other Federal agencies;

10 “(4) investment from philanthropic organiza-  
11 tions; and

12 “(5) clear objectives for the plan and the ability  
13 to establish measurable performance measures and  
14 to track progress toward meeting the objectives.”.

