115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Lewis of Georgia 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 “Missed Opportunities
5 in Jobs Act”.


SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that there are at least 2.3 million low-income individuals age 16 to 24 in the United States who are neither in school nor employed.

SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the United States should create meaningful employment opportunities for the Nation's youth to learn practical and meaningful skills because an investment in the Nation's youth is an investment in the United States;

(2) States should invest in the futures of at-risk youth and others who may contribute to the United States economy because doing so will decrease the unemployment rate;

(3) Department of Labor Grant Programs such as YouthBuild programs will provide critical resources necessary to keep the Nation's youth involved in their communities.

SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORT FOR YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM.

Section 171(c) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3226(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(6) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than January 31 of each calendar year, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the results of
YouthBuild programs authorized under this subsection that shall include the following:

"(A) The amount of funds, in aggregate, requested by applicants.

"(B) The amount of funds awarded, in aggregate, to entities that receive grants under this subsection.

"(C) The difference between the amount of funds reported under subparagraph (A) and the amount of funds reported under subparagraph (B).

"(D) A calculation of how many more individuals would have been provided opportunities for employment, education, leadership development, and training through YouthBuild programs or would have been provided with housing or access to public facilities through YouthBuild programs if each eligible entity who applied for a grant under this subsection the previous calendar year had received an award for the full amount of funds requested in their respective applications."