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115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MESSER 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 “Funding Americans
5 First Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDING.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
3 sion of law, the Director of the Office of Management and
4 Budget shall direct the head of each agency to use, as
5 appropriate, the number of citizens and legal permanent
6 residents residing in a State or political subdivision of a
7 State, as determined under a decennial census of popu-
8 lation under section 141 of title 13, United States Code,
9 (beginning with the 2020 decennial census) when deter-
10 mining funding for the following:

11 (1) Block grants.

12 (2) Categorical grants.

13 (3) Any other funding measures determined by
14 the Director if the specific measure is calculated
15 using the total population of a State or political sub-
16 division of a State.

17 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
19 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,
20 United States Code.

21 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
22 the several States, the District of Columbia, each
23 territory or possession of the United States, and
24 each federally recognized Indian Tribe.

25 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect on
26 October 1, 2021.