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# H. R. 732

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEINER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Homeland Security

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## 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 “Targeting Homeland Secu-  
5       rity Resources Effectively Against Terrorism Act of 2009”  
6       or the “THREAT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM OF GRANTS FOR USE IN HIGH-THREAT,**  
2 **HIGH-DENSITY URBAN AREAS.**

3 (a) GRANT PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of  
4 Homeland Security shall, in accordance with this section,  
5 carry out a program under which the Secretary makes dis-  
6 cretionary grants for use in high-threat, high-density  
7 urban areas.

8 (b) FUNDING.—Amounts made available to the Sec-  
9 retary of Homeland Security for discretionary grants for  
10 use in high-threat, high-density urban areas—

11 (1) shall be used for carrying out the program  
12 under this section; and

13 (2) shall not be used for any other purpose.

14 (c) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GRANTEES.—For any fis-  
15 cal year, the Secretary may award such grants to not more  
16 than 15 such areas.

17 (d) FACTORS CONSIDERED.—In determining wheth-  
18 er, and in what allocation, to award such a grant to such  
19 an area, the Secretary shall consider the following three  
20 factors:

21 (1) The population of that urban area.

22 (2) The presence of critical infrastructure in  
23 that urban area.

24 (3) The credibility of the terrorism-related  
25 threat to that urban area.

1       (e) FACTORS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED.—In deter-  
2 mining whether, and in what allocation, to award such a  
3 grant to such an area, the Secretary shall not consider  
4 any threat (such as a threat of natural disaster, or a  
5 threat of infectious disease) that is not a terrorism-related  
6 threat.

7       (f) WEIGHT OF FACTORS.—In considering the factors  
8 required by subsection (d), the Secretary shall give the  
9 factor described in subsection (d)(2) two times the weight  
10 given the factor described in subsection (d)(1), and shall  
11 give the factor described in subsection (d)(3) three times  
12 the weight given the factor described in subsection (d)(1).

13       (g) DEFINITION OF FACTORS.—The Secretary shall,  
14 for purposes of this section, define the factors required  
15 by subsection (d). In defining the factor described in sub-  
16 section (d)(1), the Secretary shall ensure that tourists and  
17 commuters are considered as part of the population.

18       (h) DISBURSEMENT DIRECTLY TO LOCALITIES.—All  
19 amounts awarded to an area under this section shall be  
20 disbursed directly to one or more local governments within  
21 the area.

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