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119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To make projects in certain counties eligible for funding under the rural surface transportation grant program, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. VALADAO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
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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. RURAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION GRANT**  
4               **PROGRAM.**

5       Section 173 of title 23, United States Code, is  
6       amended—

7               (1) in subsection (a) by adding at the end the  
8       following:

1           “(3) COVERED COUNTY.—The term ‘covered  
2       county’ means a county that has an annual gross  
3       agricultural production value of at least  
4       \$1,000,000,000 and agricultural production of at  
5       least \$500,000 per square mile, for all crops and  
6       livestock sold, adjusted annually for inflation in ac-  
7       cordance with the Consumer Price Index published  
8       by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Depart-  
9       ment of Labor.

10           “(4) FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD.—The term  
11       ‘farm-to-market road’ means a road located within a  
12       covered county.”;

13           (2) in subsection (i) by striking “subsection  
14       (k)(1)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) and (4) of  
15       subsection (k)”;

16           (3) in subsection (k)—

17               (A) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
18       paragraph (5);

19               (B) by inserting after paragraph (3) the  
20       following:

21           “(4) FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS.—The Secretary  
22       shall reserve 10 percent of the amounts made avail-  
23       able for the program for each fiscal year to provide  
24       grants for eligible projects located on farm-to-market  
25       roads in any amount.”; and

1 (C) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated)  
2 by striking “or (3)” and inserting “(3), or (4)”;  
3 and  
4 (4) by adding at the end the following:  
5 “(p) ELIGIBLE COVERED COUNTIES.—The Sec-  
6 retary, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture,  
7 shall create, and annually update, a list of covered coun-  
8 ties.”.