

## AMENDMENT TO FSC BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES-FY 2013 OFFERED BY MR. FRANK OF MASSACHUSETTS

## **Community and Economic Development Section**

On page 12, in the first paragraph of the Community and Economic Development Section, insert the following before the third sentence ("As in previous years ...").

"This is the same amount that was appropriated for the program in FY 2012. Despite the increasing demand on state and local governments, funding for this program has been decreasing since a level of \$3.990 billion in FY 2010 and \$3.336 billion in FY 2011. The Committee recommends an increase in the suggested FY 2013 funding levels for the Community Development Block Grant program, and that the additional funds are provided by proposed FY 2013 funding of the Choice Neighborhoods and Sustainable Communities Initiatives. The Committee believes that the relatively new Choice Neighborhoods and Sustainable Communities Initiatives, which the Administration proposes to fund in FY 2013 for a total of \$250 million and have yet to be authorized by the Committee, should not be funded at the expense of other critical affordable housing programs. This prospective proposal is in no way intended to impact Choice Neighborhoods and Sustainable Communities ongoing obligations based upon previous appropriations."