

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2454
OFFERED BY MR. CARDOZA OF CALIFORNIA

Page 382, after line 10, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 207. SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS BUILDING PERMIT RE-**
2 **QUIREMENTS FOR RECEIPT OF COMMUNITY**
3 **DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.**

4 Section 104 of the Housing and Community Develop-
5 ment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304) is amended by adding
6 at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(n) REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING PERMITS RE-
8 GARDING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A grant under section 106
10 for a fiscal year may be made only if the grantee
11 certifies to the Secretary that—

12 “(A) in the case of a grant under section
13 106(a) for any Indian tribe or insular area,
14 during such fiscal year the cost of any permit
15 or license, for construction or installation of any
16 solar energy system for any structure, that is
17 required by the tribe or insular area or by any
18 other unit of general local government or other

1 political subdivision of such tribe or insular
2 area, complies with paragraph (2);

3 “(B) in the case of a grant under section
4 106(b) for any metropolitan city or urban coun-
5 ty, during such fiscal year the cost of any per-
6 mit or license, for construction or installation of
7 any solar energy system for any structure, that
8 is required by the metropolitan city or urban
9 county, or by any other political subdivision of
10 such city or county, complies with paragraph
11 (2); and

12 “(C) in the case of a grant under section
13 106(d) for any State, during such fiscal year
14 the cost of any permit or license, for construc-
15 tion or installation of any solar energy system
16 for any structure, that is required by the State,
17 or by any other unit of general local govern-
18 ment within any nonentitlement area of such
19 State, or other political subdivision within any
20 nonentitlement area of such State or such a
21 unit of general local government, complies with
22 paragraph (2).

23 “(2) LIMITATION ON COST.—The cost of permit
24 or license for construction or installation of any
25 solar energy system complies with this paragraph

1 only if such cost does not exceed the following
2 amount:

3 “(A) RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.—In the
4 case of a structure primarily for residential use,
5 \$500.

6 “(B) NONRESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.—In
7 the case of a structure primarily for nonresiden-
8 tial use, 1.0 percent of the total cost of the in-
9 stallation or construction of the solar energy
10 system, but not in excess of \$10,000.

11 “(3) NONCOMPLIANCE.—If the Secretary deter-
12 mines that a grantee of a grant made under section
13 106 is not in compliance with a certification under
14 paragraph (1)—

15 “(A) the Secretary shall notify the grantee
16 of such determination; and

17 “(B) if the grantee has not corrected such
18 noncompliance before the expiration of the 6-
19 month period beginning upon notification under
20 subparagraph (A), such grantee shall not be eli-
21 gible for 5 percent of any amounts awarded
22 under a grant under section 106 for the first
23 fiscal year that commences after the expiration
24 of such 6-month period.

1 “(4) SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM.—For purposes of
2 this subsection, the term ‘solar energy system’
3 means, with respect to a structure, equipment that
4 uses solar energy to generate electricity for, or to
5 heat or cool (or provide hot water for use in), such
6 structure.”.

