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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 13, 2007

Ms. Waters (for herself, Mrs. Christensen, Mr. Honda, Mr. Kildee, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Waxman, Ms. Schakowsky, Mr. Stark, and Ms. Carson) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 ties of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited as the “Cancer Testing, Edu-
5 cation, Screening, and Treatment Act”.
SEC. 2. CANCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT FOR MINORITY OR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.

Part D of title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 330L the following:

"SEC. 330M. CANCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT FOR MINORITY OR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.

"(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary may make grants to qualifying health centers and nonprofit organizations for the development, expansion, or operation of programs that, for individuals otherwise served by such centers and organizations, provide—

"(1) information and education on cancer prevention;

"(2) screenings for cancer;

"(3) counseling on cancer, including counseling upon a diagnosis of cancer; and

"(4) treatment for cancer.

"(b) PREFERENCE IN MAKING GRANTS.—In making grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give preference to applicants that—

"(1) have service populations that include a significant number of low-income minority individuals who are at-risk for cancer;

"(2) will, through programs under subsection (a)—
“(A) emphasize early detection of and comprehensive treatment for cancer;

“(B) provide comprehensive treatment services for cancer in its earliest stages; and

“(C) carry out subparagraphs (A) and (B) for two or more types of cancer; and

“(3) in order to provide treatment for cancer, have established or will establish referral arrangements with entities that provide screenings for low-income individuals.

“(c) Appropriate Cultural Context.—As a condition for the receipt of a grant under subsection (a), the applicant shall agree that, in the program carried out with the grant, services will be provided in the languages most appropriate for, and with consideration for the cultural backgrounds of, the individuals for whom the services are provided.

“(d) Outreach Services.—As a condition for the receipt of a grant under subsection (a), the applicant shall agree to provide outreach activities to inform the public of the services of the program, and to provide information on cancer.

“(e) Application for Grant.—A grant may be made under subsection (a) only if an application for the grant is submitted to the Secretary and the application
is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains such agreements, assurances, and information as the Secretary determines to be necessary to carry out this section.

“(f) DESIGNATION OF TYPES OF CANCER.—In making a grant under subsection (a), the Secretary shall designate the type or types of cancer with respect to which the grant is being made.

“(g) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualifying health center’ includes community health centers, migrant health centers, health centers for the homeless, health centers for residents of public housing, and community clinics.

“(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2008 through 2013.”.