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To direct the Federal Trade Commission to conduct a study on certain concession pricing practices, and for other purposes.

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Mr. GOLDMAN of New York (for himself, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. RYAN, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, and Mr. THANEDAR) 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 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may cited as the “Honest Oversight of
5 Ticketed Dining and Onsite Grub Act” or the “HOTDOG
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Many sports venues receive significant pub-
2 lic investments through direct grants, State and
3 local tax credits, economic development incentives,
4 and tax-exempt bonds.

5 (2) In 2025, the cost of concessions at major
6 sporting events and concerts are unaffordable for
7 the average American family.

8 (3) At Madison Square Garden, the average
9 price of a beer is \$16, more than twice the average
10 in New York City, making it the third most expen-
11 sive among NBA arenas.

12 (4) At Highmark Stadium, home of the Buffalo
13 Bills, beer costs \$10 on average, which is double the
14 price fans would pay at a nearby bar across the
15 street.

16 (5) Fans across music concerts and professional
17 sports, including the National Basketball Associa-
18 tion, National Football League, National Hockey
19 League, and Major League Baseball, face exorbitant
20 concession prices in addition to already high-ticket
21 costs.

22 (6) Street pricing, a model that aligns conces-
23 sion pricing inside a venue with prices for com-
24 parable items in surrounding communities, has been
25 adopted by certain venues to make concessions more

1 affordable, producing benefits for both businesses
2 and consumers.

3 (7) Fans and travelers attending events at
4 venues supported by their tax dollars deserve clear,
5 transparent, and fair pricing of food and beverage
6 concessions.

7 **SEC. 3. STUDY ON CONCESSION PRICING PRACTICES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall
10 conduct a study with respect to concession pricing prac-
11 tices at a nationwide sample of covered venues that in-
12 cludes information relating to the following:

13 (1) The price of food and drink items offered
14 for sale by such venues.

15 (2) A comparison between such prices and the
16 price of the same or similar food and drink items of-
17 fered for sale by the communities surrounding such
18 venues, including bars and restaurants.

19 (3) Pricing practices at such venues, including
20 the use of any of the following by such venues:

21 (A) Dynamic pricing.

22 (B) Service fees.

23 (C) Promotions such as value deals.

24 (4) The extent to which such venues disclose
25 the price of food and drink items offered for sale by

1 such venues prior to purchase, including by listing
2 such prices online and disclosing such prices at the
3 point of entry of such venues.

4 (5) Consumer-friendly pricing policies that bal-
5 ance consumer access to affordable food and drink
6 items with the cost of venue operations, including
7 price caps on the price of such food and drink items
8 and menu options for such food and drink items of-
9 fered at a reduced price.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall submit
12 to Congress a report that includes information relating to
13 the following:

14 (1) The results of the study conducted under
15 subsection (a).

16 (2) Recommendations for legislative, regulatory,
17 and industry action with respect to improving af-
18 fordability and transparency with respect to conces-
19 sion pricing practices.

20 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
22 means the Federal Trade Commission.

23 (2) COVERED VENUE.—The term “covered
24 venue” means a stadium or arena that—

1 (A) is used for a professional sports exhi-
2 bition or game, a music concert, or any other
3 comparable event (as determined by the Com-
4 mission) for at least 5 days per year;

5 (B) was constructed or operated with
6 funds from a public subsidy, including funds
7 from a direct grant, a State or local tax credit,
8 an economic development incentive, or a tax-ex-
9 empt bond;

10 (C) requires ticketed entry for consumers;
11 and

12 (D) offers food and drink items for sale to
13 such consumers.

14 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means each
15 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,
16 each commonwealth, territory or possession of the
17 United States, and each federally recognized Indian
18 Tribe.

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