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Ms. DEGETTE 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. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

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1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON FUNDING FOOD SECTOR**
 2 **INNOVATION PROJECTS.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
 4 gress that an account, to be known as the “Human Foods
 5 Innovation Account”, should be established for purposes
 6 of the Food and Drug Administration carrying out the ac-
 7 tivities described in subsection (b).

8 (b) FDA ACTIVITIES.—The activities described in
 9 this subsection are—

10 (1) the critical research grants under section 4;

11 (2) the establishment and maintenance of the
 12 center of excellence described in section 5;

13 (3) the public-private partnership under section
 14 8;

15 (4) the development of modernized standards
 16 for human foods, including foods for infants and
 17 young children;

18 (5) the development of modernized standards
 19 for enhanced human food safety and supply chain
 20 continuity;

21 (6) advances in human foods nutrition innova-
 22 tion;

23 (7) the development of strengthened dietary
 24 supplement authorities;

1 (8) research relating to human foods bio-
2 technology;

3 (9) the development of modernized regulatory
4 tools for chemicals in human foods;

5 (10) modernizing risk assessment and enhanced
6 risk-informed decision making with respect to
7 human foods;

8 (11) enhanced technical capacity using hiring
9 authority provided by the Food and Drug Omnibus
10 Reform Act of 2022 (title III of division FF of Pub-
11 lic Law 117–328); and

12 (12) such projects enabling innovation and
13 technological advancements in the human foods sec-
14 tor and a fuller understanding of nutrition, as the
15 Commissioner determines appropriate.

16 **SEC. 3. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN FOODS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
18 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-
19 retary”) shall establish and maintain a permanent advi-
20 sory committee to be known as the “Advisory Committee
21 on Human Foods” (referred to in this section as the
22 “Committee”).

23 (b) DUTIES OF COMMITTEE.—The Committee shall
24 advise the Commissioner on issues related to food science,
25 nutrition, and food safety.

1 (c) MEMBERS.—The Secretary shall ensure that the
2 Committee is composed of experts on nutrition, experts
3 on food safety, and representatives of consumer, producer,
4 and health professional organizations.

5 **SEC. 4. CRITICAL RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM.**

6 (a) CRITICAL RESEARCH GRANTS.—The Secretary of
7 Health and Human Services (in this section referred to
8 as the “Secretary”), acting through the Commissioner of
9 Food and Drugs and the Director of the National Insti-
10 tutes of Health, shall award grants, on a competitive basis,
11 to eligible entities to promote research in critical areas,
12 including—

- 13 (1) food biotechnology;
- 14 (2) nutrition initiatives to promote greater ac-
15 cess to healthier foods and information about foods;
- 16 (3) infant and maternal nutrition;
- 17 (4) health impacts of ultra-processed foods;
- 18 (5) safety and reliability of specialty foods such
19 as infant formula;
- 20 (6) health impacts of dietary supplements; and
- 21 (7) public understanding of the risks and bene-
22 fits of ultra-processed foods, dietary supplements,
23 and other nutrition sources.

1 (b) COLLABORATION.—In awarding grants under
2 subsection (a), the Secretary shall prioritize projects that
3 foster collaboration among a broad range of partners.

4 (c) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a grant
5 under this section, an entity shall submit to the Secretary
6 an application at such time, in such manner, and con-
7 taining such information as the Secretary may determine
8 appropriate.

9 (d) ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.—In this section,
10 the term “eligible entity” means a public or private non-
11 profit organization with recognized capacity and expertise
12 in one or more of the areas described in subsection (a).

13 **SEC. 5. HFP AND CDER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner of Food and
15 Drugs, acting through the Deputy Commissioner of
16 Human Foods and the Director of the Center for Drug
17 Evaluation and Research, shall establish and maintain a
18 center of excellence to improve nutrition science and how
19 nutrition relates to medicine.

20 (b) ACTIVITIES OF CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.—The
21 center of excellence established under subsection (a)
22 shall—

23 (1) coordinate the programs and activities of
24 the Food and Drug Administration relating to areas
25 of convergence between the Human Foods Program

1 and the programs and activities of the Center for
2 Drug Evaluation and Research, including related
3 to—

4 (A) the rise of medical drug use in weight
5 loss;

6 (B) medications to mitigate the effects of
7 allergic reactions from exposure to certain
8 foods;

9 (C) the role of nutrition in maintaining
10 overall health along or in conjunction with
11 pharmaceutical interventions, physical activity,
12 and other activities; and

13 (D) programs that support healthy eating
14 through the medical system, such as produce
15 prescription programs; and

16 (2) act as a platform for agency-wide collabora-
17 tion and communication to drive research and inno-
18 vation in the food-as-medicine field.

19 **SEC. 6. PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT EXEMPTION FOR FDA**
20 **RESEARCH.**

21 Chapter X of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
22 Act (21 U.S.C. 391 et seq.) is amended by adding at the
23 end the following:

1 **“SEC. 1015. PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT EXEMPTION.**

2 “Subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 44, United States
3 Code, (commonly referred to as the ‘Paperwork Reduction
4 Act’) shall not apply to the voluntary collection of informa-
5 tion during the conduct of research by the Food and Drug
6 Administration.”.

7 **SEC. 7. RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCESSED**
8 **FOOD RECIPES.**

9 Section 414(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
10 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 350c(a)) is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
12 graph (5);

13 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(3) PROCESSED FOOD RECIPES.—With respect
16 to an article of food that is a processed food, each
17 person (excluding farms and restaurants) who man-
18 ufactures, processes, packs, distributes, receives,
19 holds, or imports such article shall, at the request of
20 an officer or employee duly designated by the Sec-
21 retary, permit such officer or employee, upon presen-
22 tation of appropriate credentials and a written notice
23 to such person, at reasonable times and within rea-
24 sonable limits and in a reasonable manner, to have
25 access to and copy all records relating to the recipe
26 and contents of such article, including—

1 “(A) the labeled and nonlabeled ingredi-
2 ents;

3 “(B) the amounts of each ingredient; and

4 “(C) listings of all relevant authorizations
5 by product.

6 “(4) NONLABELED INGREDIENTS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to an ar-
8 ticle of food that is a processed food that in-
9 cludes contents which are not declared on the
10 label, the manufacturer (excluding farms and
11 restaurants) of such article shall submit to the
12 Commissioner the contents, including flavors,
13 colors, spices, and incidental additives, of such
14 article.

15 “(B) DISCLOSURE.—The Commissioner
16 shall publish on a website a list of articles de-
17 scribed in subparagraph (A) and their con-
18 tents.”; and

19 (3) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated, by
20 striking “The requirement under paragraphs (1) and
21 (2) applies” and inserting “The requirements under
22 paragraphs (1) through (3) apply”.

1 **SEC. 8. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR INFORMATION**

2 **SHARING AND CHEMICAL LIMITS IN FOODS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner of Food and
4 Drugs (in this section referred to as the “Commissioner”)
5 shall enter into a partnership with 1 or more appropriate
6 nongovernmental entities—

7 (1) to facilitate information sharing across in-
8 dustry, academia, and consumer groups about the
9 composition, use, and long-term impacts of food
10 packaging materials; and

11 (2) to recommend to the Commissioner appro-
12 priate limits for chemicals in food and food-contact
13 substances.

14 (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18
15 months after the date on which the Commissioner enters
16 into the partnership described in subsection (a), and annu-
17 ally thereafter, the Commissioner shall submit to Congress
18 a report describing the work completed by the partnership
19 and any ongoing work of the partnership.

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