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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MACE (for herself and Mr. MASSIE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 be cited as the “American Family Cost-  
5       of-Living Relief Act of 2026”.

6       **SEC. 2. EVALUATION OF IMPACTS OF PROPOSED RULES ON**  
7               **HOUSEHOLD COSTS.**

8       (a) RULE MAKING IMPACT ON HOUSEHOLD  
9       COSTS.—Chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code, is  
10       amended by inserting after section 553 the following:

1 **“SEC. 553a. IMPACT OF RULE MAKING ON HOUSEHOLD**  
2 **COSTS.**

3 “(a) Whenever an agency is required by section 553  
4 of this title, or any other law, to publish general notice  
5 of proposed rule making for any proposed rule, the agency  
6 shall—

7 “(1) prepare an initial household cost impact  
8 analysis for such rule that contains—

9 “(A) a statement about whether a pro-  
10 posed rule would substantially increase house-  
11 hold costs;

12 “(B) a description of how such increase  
13 would affect a household based on the income  
14 level of such household;

15 “(C) a list of any categories of goods or  
16 services that may be affected by such increase;  
17 and

18 “(D) any recommendations for an alter-  
19 native rule that would not substantially increase  
20 household costs; and

21 “(2) make such analysis available for public  
22 comment by publishing such analysis in the Federal  
23 Register at the time of the publication of such gen-  
24 eral notice.

1 “(b) After notice and receipt of public comments, or  
2 a hearing pursuant to section 553, an agency shall prepare  
3 a final household cost impact analysis that contains—

4 “(1) the information required under subsection  
5 (a)(1);

6 “(2) a statement of any significant issues raised  
7 by public comments or a hearing in response to the  
8 initial household cost impact analysis prepared  
9 under subsection (a); and

10 “(3) a description of how any such public com-  
11 ments or hearing impacted the analysis of whether  
12 the proposed rule would substantially increase  
13 household costs.

14 “(c) An agency may not promulgate a final rule, if  
15 the agency determines, after preparing a final household  
16 cost analysis required under subsection (b), that such rule  
17 would substantially increase household costs unless—

18 “(1) the rule is required by law; or

19 “(2) such agency—

20 “(A) determines the rule is necessary to  
21 address—

22 “(i) an imminent threat to national  
23 security;

24 “(ii) a major disaster declared by the  
25 President under section 401 of the Robert

1 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency  
2 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170); or

3 “(iii) an emergency declared by the  
4 President under section 502 of such Act  
5 (42 U.S.C. 5191); and

6 “(B) submits a certification to the House  
7 of Representatives and the Senate of such im-  
8 minent threat.

9 “(d) Any final household cost impact analysis pre-  
10 pared pursuant to subsection (b) shall be published in the  
11 Federal Register when an agency promulgates a final rule  
12 under section 553.

13 “(e) Any rules finalized pursuant to subsection (c)(2)  
14 may remain in effect for not more than 1 year, unless such  
15 rule is subsequently authorized by law.

16 “(f) Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
17 of this section, and annually thereafter, the Director of  
18 the Office of Management and Budget shall review and  
19 publish a report in the Federal Register on any major  
20 rules in effect including—

21 “(1) identifying any such major rules that have  
22 substantially increased household costs;

23 “(2) making any recommendations to amend or  
24 repeal such major rules for the purpose of address-  
25 ing such increase to household costs; and

1           “(3) making any recommendations for legisla-  
2           tive action for the purpose of addressing such in-  
3           crease to household costs.

4           “(g) In this section:

5           “(1) The term ‘agency’ has the meaning given  
6           such term in section 551.

7           “(2) The term ‘household cost’ means the aver-  
8           age annual out-of-pocket expenditures incurred by a  
9           household for basic goods and services necessary for  
10          living, including direct and indirect costs related  
11          to—

12               “(A) housing, including rent, mortgage  
13               payments, homeowner’s insurance, renter’s in-  
14               surance, maintenance, and homebuilding;

15               “(B) utilities, including electric, natural  
16               gas, water, sewer, and trash collection;

17               “(C) transportation, including vehicle pur-  
18               chase or lease, fuel, insurance, maintenance,  
19               and public transportation;

20               “(D) food, including raw, cooked, proc-  
21               essed, or prepared food, infant formula, or any  
22               substance to provide nutrients through human  
23               consumption;

24               “(E) health care, including insurance pre-  
25               miums, deductibles, copayments, prescription

1 drugs, medical devices, over-the-counter medi-  
2 cine, and medical services;

3 “(F) child care, elder care, and dependent  
4 care required to maintain employment or house-  
5 hold activities;

6 “(G) expenses related to education and  
7 workforce, including tuition, fees, supplies, and  
8 required training or credentialing;

9 “(H) household products, including fur-  
10 niture, appliances, cleaning supplies, paper  
11 goods, hygiene products, kitchen items, and  
12 tools from home upkeep;

13 “(I) taxes, fees, and mandatory charges  
14 imposed directly or indirectly on households  
15 under Federal law; and

16 “(J) any other essential goods or services  
17 that the Director of the Office of Management  
18 and Budget determines materially affects the  
19 cost of living for households.

20 “(3) The term ‘household’ means any individual  
21 or group of individuals who are living together as  
22 one economic unit.

23 “(4) The term ‘major rule’ has the meaning  
24 given such term in section 804.

1           “(5) The term ‘rule’ has the meaning given  
2           such term in section 551.

3           “(6) The term ‘substantially increase’ with re-  
4           spect to household costs, means an increase of \$50  
5           or more a year.

6   **“SEC. 553b. JUDICIAL REVIEW.**

7           “(a) For any rule subject to section 553a, any house-  
8           hold that is adversely affected or aggrieved by final agency  
9           action is entitled to judicial review of agency compliance  
10          with the requirements of such section in accordance with  
11          chapter 7.

12          “(b) Each court having jurisdiction to review such  
13          rule for compliance with section 553, or under any other  
14          provision of law, shall have jurisdiction to review any  
15          claims of noncompliance with section 553a in accordance  
16          with chapter 7.

17          “(c) The term ‘household’ has the meaning given  
18          such term in section 553a.”.

19          (b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the  
20          date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office  
21          of Management and Budget shall issue guidance to the  
22          head of each agency on complying with the amendments  
23          made by this Act.

1       (c) APPLICATION.—This Act, and the amendments  
2 made by this Act, shall apply to rules proposed on or after  
3 the date of enactment of this Act.

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