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To require the collection of information on multigenerational caregiving in at least one major Federal population survey, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself, Mr. KHANNA, Mrs. LUNA, and Mr. TURNER of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Multigenerational
5 Caregiving Data Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) A growing number of individuals in the
2 United States provide unpaid care to both children
3 and older adults.

4 (2) These individuals face distinct economic,
5 health, and workforce challenges.

6 (3) Existing Federal data do not adequately
7 capture multigenerational caregiving responsibilities,
8 particularly when care is provided across households.

9 (4) Improved data collection would enhance pol-
10 icymaking related to caregiving, labor force partici-
11 pation, and health outcomes.

12 (5) Major Federal population surveys, including
13 those conducted by the Bureau of the Census and
14 the National Center for Health Statistics of the Cen-
15 ters for Disease Control and Prevention, are appro-
16 priate instruments for collecting such data.

17 **SEC. 3. DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENT ON**
18 **MULTIGENERATIONAL CAREGIVERS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the
20 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consulta-
21 tion with the heads of relevant Federal statistical agencies,
22 shall ensure that at least 1 major Federal population sur-
23 vey includes a question designed to identify individuals
24 who provided regular unpaid care or assistance as a

1 multigenerational caregiver within the previous 12 month
2 period.

3 (b) FLEXIBILITY.—The Secretary may modify the
4 wording, response categories, or placement of the question
5 required under this section as necessary to—

- 6 (1) ensure clarity and reliability of responses;
- 7 (2) minimize respondent burden; and
- 8 (3) maintain consistency with the methodology
9 of the selected survey.

10 (c) TESTING.—Before full implementation of the
11 question required under this section, the responsible Fed-
12 eral statistical agency shall conduct—

- 13 (1) cognitive testing; and
- 14 (2) field testing, as appropriate.

15 (d) VOLUNTARY RESPONSE.—Any response to the
16 question required under this section shall be voluntary.

17 (e) REPORT; PUBLICATION.—

18 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the
19 date on which the question required under this sec-
20 tion is included in a major Federal population sur-
21 vey, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report
22 on the implementation of the question that—

- 23 (A) evaluates data quality and usability;
- 24 (B) assesses respondent burden and re-
25 sponse rates;

1 (C) identifies which survey or surveys in-
2 cluded the question; and

3 (D) provides recommendations for expand-
4 ing, modifying, or discontinuing the question.

5 (2) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall publish
6 the report submitted under paragraph (1) on the
7 public website of the Department of Commerce.

8 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

9 (1) MAJOR FEDERAL POPULATION SURVEY.—
10 The term “major Federal population survey” means
11 a nationally representative survey of individuals or
12 households conducted by a Federal statistical agen-
13 cy, including—

14 (A) the American Community Survey;

15 (B) the Current Population Survey;

16 (C) the National Health Interview Survey;

17 or

18 (D) any successor or similar survey des-
19 igned by the Secretary.

20 (2) MULTIGENERATIONAL CAREGIVER.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term
22 “multigenerational caregiver” means an indi-
23 vidual who provides unpaid care or assistance—

1 (i) to at least 1 individual who is de-
2 scribed in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of sub-
3 paragraph (B); and

4 (ii) to at least 1 individual who is de-
5 scribed in a clause of subparagraph (B)
6 other than the clause describing the indi-
7 vidual referred to in clause (i) of this sub-
8 paragraph.

9 (B) DEMOGRAPHIC CATEGORIES.—The in-
10 dividuals referred to in clauses (i) and (ii) of
11 subparagraph (A) are the following:

12 (i) A child who is less than 18 years
13 of age.

14 (ii) An adult who is not less than 18
15 years of age and less than 65 years of age
16 and who has a health condition or dis-
17 ability.

18 (iii) An adult who is not less than 65
19 years of age and who has a health condi-
20 tion or disability.

21 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
22 the Secretary of Commerce.

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