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To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to include barley, rye, and oats as major food allergens, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LUNA (for herself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. BARRETT, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. PINGREE, and Mr. RULLI) 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 be cited as the “Food Allergy Safety,
5 Treatment, Education, and Research Act of 2026” or the
6 “FASTER Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF BARLEY, RYE, AND OATS AS MAJOR**
2 **FOOD ALLERGENS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 201 of the Federal Food,
4 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (qq)(1), by striking “wheat”
6 and inserting “gluten-containing grain”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(tt) The term ‘gluten-containing grain’ means one
9 of the following grains, or a crossbred hybrid of such
10 grains, such as triticale:

11 “(1) Wheat, including any species in the genus
12 *Triticum*.

13 “(2) Rye, including any species in the genus
14 *Secale*.

15 “(3) Barley, including any species in the genus
16 *Hordeum*.

17 “(4) Oats, including any species in the genus
18 *Avena sativa*.”.

19 (b) REVISION OF MANUAL OF COMPLIANCE POLICY
20 GUIDES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enact-
21 ment of this Act, the Administrator of Food and Drugs
22 shall revise each section related to major food allergens
23 (as defined in section 201(qq) of the Federal Food, Drug,
24 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(qq))) in the Manual of
25 Compliance Policy Guides issued by the Food and Drug

1 Administration for purposes of implementing the amend-
2 ments made by this section.

3 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
4 section shall apply to any food that is introduced or deliv-
5 ered for introduction into interstate commerce on or after
6 the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this
7 Act.

8 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON CELIAC DISEASE.**

9 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
10 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services
11 shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce
12 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
13 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a
14 report on—

15 (1) surveillance of and collection of data on—

16 (A) the prevalence of Celiac disease in the
17 United States; and

18 (B) the severity of any allergic reaction
19 with respect to a specific food or food ingre-
20 dient in an individual with Celiac disease;

21 (2) any gap in such surveillance or collection of
22 data;

23 (3) development of effective diagnostics for Ce-
24 liac disease;

- 1 (4) any method for preventing the onset of Ce-
- 2 liac disease;
- 3 (5) any method for reducing any risk related to
- 4 living with Celiac disease; and
- 5 (6) development of new therapeutics to prevent,
- 6 treat, cure, or manage Celiac disease.

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