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To provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers.

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Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. GRANGER, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BELL, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FROST, Ms. HART, Mr. HONDA, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LATOURETTE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. MATSUI, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NADLER, Mr. OWENS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. WYNN) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Gynecologic Cancer
3 Education and Awareness Act of 2003” or “Johanna’s
4 Law”.

5 **SEC. 2. CERTAIN PROGRAMS REGARDING GYNECOLOGIC**
6 **CANCERS.**

7 (a) NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
9 Human Services (referred to in this section as the
10 “Secretary”), acting through the Director of the Na-
11 tional Institutes of Health and in collaboration with
12 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and
13 Prevention, shall carry out a national campaign to
14 increase the awareness and knowledge of women
15 with respect to gynecologic cancers.

16 (2) WRITTEN MATERIALS.—Activities under the
17 national campaign under paragraph (1) shall in-
18 clude—

19 (A) maintaining a supply of written mate-
20 rials that provide information to the public on
21 gynecologic cancers; and

22 (B) distributing the materials to members
23 of the public upon request.

24 (3) PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.—Ac-
25 tivities under the national campaign under para-
26 graph (1) shall, in accordance with applicable law

1 and regulations, include developing and placing, in
2 telecommunications media, public service announce-
3 ments intended to encourage women to discuss with
4 their physicians their risks of gynecologic cancers.
5 Such announcement shall inform the public on the
6 manner in which the written materials referred to in
7 paragraph (2) can be obtained upon request, and
8 shall call attention to early warning signs and risk
9 factors based on the best available medical informa-
10 tion.

11 (b) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING OUT-
12 REACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
14 through the Director of the National Institutes of
15 Health and the Director of the Centers for Disease
16 Control and Prevention, shall carry out a program
17 to make grants to nonprofit private entities for the
18 purpose of testing different outreach and education
19 strategies to increase the awareness and knowledge
20 of women and health care providers with respect to
21 gynecologic cancers, including early warning signs
22 and treatment options. Such strategies shall include
23 strategies directed at physicians, nurses, and key
24 health professionals and families.

1 (2) PREFERENCES IN MAKING GRANTS.—In
2 making grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary
3 shall give preference—

4 (A) to applicants with demonstrated exper-
5 tise in gynecologic cancer education or treat-
6 ment or in working with groups of women who
7 are at especially high risk of gynecologic can-
8 cers; and

9 (B) to applicants that, in the demonstra-
10 tion project under the grant, will establish link-
11 ages between physicians, nurses, and key health
12 professionals, hospitals, payers, and State
13 health departments.

14 (3) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be
15 made under paragraph (1) only if an application for
16 the grant is submitted to the Secretary and the ap-
17 plication is in such form, is made in such manner,
18 and contains such agreements, assurances, and in-
19 formation as the Secretary determines to be nec-
20 essary to carry out this subsection.

21 (4) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—In making
22 grants under paragraph (1)—

23 (A) the Secretary shall make grants to not
24 fewer than five applicants, subject to the extent

1 of amounts made available in appropriations
2 Acts; and

3 (B) the Secretary shall ensure that infor-
4 mation provided through demonstration projects
5 under such grants is consistent with the best
6 available medical information.

7 (5) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
8 February 1, 2008, the Secretary shall submit to the
9 Congress a report that—

10 (A) summarizes the activities of dem-
11 onstration projects under paragraph (1);

12 (B) evaluates the extent to which the
13 projects were effective in increasing early detec-
14 tion of gynecologic cancers and awareness of
15 risk factors and early warning signs in the pop-
16 ulations to which the projects were directed;
17 and

18 (C) identifies barriers to early detection
19 and appropriate treatment of such cancers.

20 (c) FUNDING.—

21 (1) NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS CAM-
22 PAIGN.—For the purpose of carrying out subsection
23 (a), there is authorized to be appropriated in the ag-
24 gregate \$15,000,000 for the fiscal years 2004
25 through 2006.

1 (2) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING
2 OUTREACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES.—

3 (A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
4 TIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out sub-
5 section (b), there is authorized to be appro-
6 priated in the aggregate \$55,000,000 for the
7 fiscal years 2004 through 2006.

8 (B) ADMINISTRATION, TECHNICAL ASSIST-
9 ANCE, AND EVALUATION.—Of the amounts ap-
10 propriated under subparagraph (A), not more
11 than 9 percent may be expended for the pur-
12 pose of administering subsection (b), providing
13 technical assistance to grantees under such sub-
14 section, and preparing the report under para-
15 graph (5) of such subsection.

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