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To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to convene a task force to develop recommendations on the proper disposal of unused pharmaceuticals, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Drug Free Water Act
5 of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. TASK FORCE ON PROPER DISPOSAL OF UNUSED**
2 **PHARMACEUTICALS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—In furtherance of the national
4 goals and policies set forth in section 101 of the Federal
5 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251), the Ad-
6 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (in
7 this Act referred to as the “Administrator”) shall convene
8 a task force (in this Act referred to as the “task force”)
9 to develop—

10 (1) recommendations on the proper disposal of
11 unused pharmaceuticals by consumers, health care
12 providers, and others, which recommendations
13 shall—

14 (A) be calculated to prevent or reduce the
15 detrimental effects on the environment and
16 human health caused by introducing unused
17 pharmaceuticals, directly or indirectly, into
18 water systems; and

19 (B) provide for limiting the disposal of un-
20 used pharmaceuticals through treatment works
21 in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution
22 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.); and

23 (2) a strategy for the Federal Government to
24 educate the public on such recommendations.

25 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The task force shall be composed
26 of—

1 (1) the Administrator (or the Administrator's
2 designee), who shall serve as the Chair of the task
3 force;

4 (2) the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (or
5 the Commissioner's designee); and

6 (3) such other members as the Administrator
7 may appoint.

8 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the task force shall submit
10 a report to the Congress containing the recommendations
11 and strategy required by subsection (a).

12 (d) STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Upon request
13 of the task force, the head of any department or agency
14 of the United States may detail any of the personnel of
15 that department or agency to the task force to assist in
16 carrying out its duties under this section.

17 (e) TERMINATION.—The task force shall terminate
18 180 days after submitting the report required by sub-
19 section (c).

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