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H. R. 5788

To amend the Fair Housing Act to require a complaint of sexual harassment be annually reported to Congress, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KATKO (for himself, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MOORE, and Ms. SPEIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Preventing Sexual
5 Harassment in Public Housing Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO ANNUALLY REPORT COM-**
7 **PLAINTS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT.**

8 (a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 808(e)(2) of the Fair
9 Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3608(e)(2)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A) by striking “and” at
2 the end;

3 (2) in subparagraph (B)(iii) by striking the
4 semicolon and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
6 lowing new subparagraph:

7 “(C) containing tabulations of the number
8 of instances in the preceding year in which
9 complaints of discriminatory housing practices
10 were filed with the Department of Housing and
11 Urban Development or a fair housing assistance
12 program, including identification of whether
13 each complaint was filed with respect to dis-
14 crimination based on race, color, religion, na-
15 tional origin, sex, handicap, or familial status.”.

16 (b) SEXUAL HARASSMENT.—Section 808 of the Fair
17 Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3608) is amended by adding at
18 the end the following new subsection:

19 “(g) In carrying out the reporting obligations under
20 this section, the Secretary shall—

21 “(1) consider a complaint filed with respect to
22 discrimination based on sex to include any complaint
23 filed with respect to sexual harassment; and

24 “(2) in reporting the instances of a complaint
25 filed with respect to discrimination based on sex

1 under subsection (e)(2)(C), include a disaggregated
2 tabulation of the total number of such complaints
3 filed with respect to sexual harassment.”.

4 (c) INITIATIVE TO COMBAT SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN
5 HOUSING.—Title 9 of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C.
6 3631) is amended by adding at the end the following new
7 section:

8 **“SEC. 902. INITIATIVE TO COMBAT SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN**
9 **HOUSING.**

10 “The Attorney General shall establish an initiative to
11 investigate and prosecute an allegation of a violation
12 under this Act with respect to sexual harassment.”.

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