

COST ESTIMATE ON H.R. 6447, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CHIEF DATA OFFICER AUTHORIZATION ACT

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, the following cost estimate for H.R. 6447, Department of Homeland Security Chief Data Officer Authorization Act prepared by the Congressional Budget Office was not available to the Committee at the time of filing of the legislative report.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018.

Hon. MICHAEL McCAUL, *Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 6447, the Department of Homeland Security Chief Data Officer Authorization Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL, *Director.*

Enclosure.

H.R. 6447—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CHIEF DATA OFFICER AUTHORIZATION ACT

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on July 24, 2018

H.R. 6447 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to designate a current career appointee as the chief data officer of the department. The bill also would require each of the seven operational components within DHS (such as Customs and Border Protection and the Transportation Security Administration) to designate current appointees as chief data officers. Those offices would coordinate the integration of data among DHS agencies, oversee the storage of records, and manage other tasks related to the use of DHS data systems.

Two DHS operational components currently have a chief data officers while a third component has a vacant position. We expect that the other four components and the department would have to hire five additional people to assist in carrying out the formal role of chief data officer established by the bill at an annual cost of around \$150,000 per person. Thus, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6447 would cost about \$1 million annually; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 6447 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6447 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 6447 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA AND MICHAEL JONES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Linda and Michael Jones of West Des Moines, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on September 28, 2018.

Linda and Michael's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Linda and Michael Jones on this meaningful occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued happiness.

SECURE BORDER COMMUNICATIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, the following cost estimate for H.R. 6742, the Secure Border Communications Act prepared by the Congressional Budget Office was not available to the Committee at the time of filing of the legislative report.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2018.

Hon. MICHAEL McCAUL, *Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 6742, the Secure Border Communications Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL.

Enclosure.

H.R. 6742—Secure Border Communications Act

H.R. 6742 would require Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to equip CBP officers and border patrol agents with radios or similar devices that permit secure and effective communication with DHS personnel and with other federal and nonfederal law enforcement entities. According to CBP, it outfits its officers and agents with radios that largely satisfy the act's requirements, so CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6742 would have no significant effect on agency spending.

Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6742 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 6742 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

RECOGNIZING BESPOKE GROUP LLC'S CONTINUED EXPORTING EXCELLENCE

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a small business in my district, the Bespoke Group LLC. As an exporter of pulse crops, such as lentils, dry peas, and chickpeas, the Bespoke Group was recognized in 2015 by the U.S. Commerce Department with the prestigious President's "E" Award. This honor was founded in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy, who wanted to recognize exporters who were making tremendous contributions to the U.S. employment level and strengthening our economy.

Today, the Commerce Department reserves this accolade for those small companies that demonstrate sustained export sales increases over a four-year period, making it the highest recognition that any U.S. entity can receive for making a significant contribution to the expansion of American exports. Small businesses are vital to a healthy and growing American economy, and companies such as Bespoke Group LLC are helping to boost our economy to new heights. I look forward to other Texan small businesses receiving similar national acclaim for their exemplary work in promoting American economic growth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the Bespoke Group LLC, and all small businesses across the U.S., for their continued and vital efforts to promoting American prosperity and strengthening our economy.

HONORING THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY PRESS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, today, as the credibility of journalists and media outlets come under fire daily, I want to recognize one newspaper in my district that has been serving Westchester County for the past 90 years, the Westchester County Press.

Casilda luella established the local newspaper, at first, to serve her community of Hastings-on-Hudson, and did so for 23 years. Casilda then sold the newspaper in 1951 to Reverend Alger Adams, and his wife Jessie of Hastings-on-Hudson, who shifted the focus of the newspaper. Moving from a strictly local point of view, the Westchester County Press began reporting on the lack of African-American representation within the county. Over the next 35 years, Reverend Adams followed leads, hired reporters, and columnists to grow the Westchester County Press. Most notably, Reverend Adams hired civil rights activist M. Paul Redd, Sr. to write a weekly political column titled "M. Paul Tells All."

Mr. Redd's columns brought increased exposure to the Westchester County Press, and he eventually became the owner in 1986. Under Mr. Redd's leadership the Westchester County Press became the leading voice of issues impacting the African-American community throughout Westchester. As owner, he would continue to write his "M. Paul Tells All" column until his passing in 2009.

For more than 60 years, the Westchester County Press is the only weekly newspaper owned and run by African-Americans within Westchester County. Now led by Sandra Blackwell, since 2009, the newspaper continues to maintain high journalistic standards when reporting on the African-American community on a local, state and national level. As a result of their unwavering mission, the Westchester County Press is 1 of 200 African American newspapers that are members of the National Newspapers Publishers Association (NNPA).

I want to congratulate the Westchester County Press for serving the Westchester County community for the past 90 years. Their dedication to reporting on issues impacting the African-American community cannot go unrecognized. Lastly, I would like to honor M. Paul Redd Sr.'s near 50 years of work, and acknowledge his enshrinement in the NNPA's Hall of Fame as of 2014.

**CELEBRATING GAINESBORO FIRE
AND RESCUE COMPANY'S 60
YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
COMMUNITY**

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, in 1958, plans for a fire department in Gainesboro began to take shape, with the help and direction of the Gainesboro Ruritan Club. Red Williamson was elected the first Fire Chief of Gainesboro and the purchase of a fire truck took place with financial help from the Clearbrook Fire Company and Shade Equipment Company, which donated their facilities to install the tank and pumps. The truck was completed and put in service following the first Yard Party in June, 1958.

IN March, 1958, the land on which the Gainesboro Fire Company exists was purchased for the sum of \$1,200. The firehouse was built by members of the Gainesboro Fire Company and the larger Gainesboro community, and because of their extraordinary generosity of time, energy and money, the entire firehouse was built in one short year, between July, 1958 and July, 1959.

The history of the call volume is an indication of the significant growth in the work of the Gainesboro Fire Company. In 1958, there were a total of 11 fire runs, the first being a woods fire in Cross Junction that the Gore Fire Company assisted with. Five years later, in 1963, there were 65 runs and by 2017, there were over 1,000 runs. This increased demand on the fire company's services has necessarily involved a significant increase in operational staff, which now amounts to 65 certified firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians and paramedics.

With an operating budget of nearly \$300,000, approximately \$130,000 of it needs

to be raised by the members of the Gainesboro Fire Company and its Ladies Auxiliary, which was formed in November, 1958. As a resilient, self-sustaining organization, the fire company has put on one type of fundraiser or another almost every month for the past 60 years, adding up to approximately 700 fundraisers during the time of the fire company's existence.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I speak for all the people of the 10th Congressional District of Virginia in expressing our deep gratitude to our community heroes—our firefighters and emergency medical personnel, along with our law enforcement officers, who are willing to face any situation, no matter how grave or dangerous, to help us in our times of greatest desperation and need. I ask that you and our colleagues join me in thanking Chief Don Jackson and the community heroes of Gainesboro Fire and Rescue Company who, for 60 years, have courageously stepped forward to assist the residents of their community, and to also thank the ladies' auxiliary and other leaders of the Gainesboro community, who have so generously supported the ongoing work of their community heroes.

**HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE
OF MAYOR BETTINA BIERI**

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Mayor Bettina Bieri, a staunch and impassioned advocate for the people of West Milford, lifelong humanitarian, and mother of two incredible children.

Mayor Bieri is a dedicated public servant in North Jersey whose countless accomplishments include restoring the New Jersey Watershed, promoting the new library in West Milford, and holding local officials to the highest standards of accountability. These efforts demonstrate her unshakable commitment to serving her community for thirty-two years. Mayor Bieri has consistently fought for her hometown by dedicating herself to better her community on the boards of many local service groups, including the St. Joseph's Finance Board, the West Milford Animal Shelter, and the West Milford Chamber of Commerce.

As a graduate of Pace University and a Certified Public Accountant, Mayor Bieri successfully utilized her financial expertise and implemented sound fiscal policies to improve West Milford's credit rating and save her constituents tax dollars. Although Mayor Bieri is retiring from public service, I am confident she will continue to make an indelible impact on those around her through her charitable work and unwavering commitment to helping others.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply grateful for the contributions Mayor Bettina Bieri has made to West Milford and our community throughout her career. People like Mayor Bieri are what make northern New Jersey such a great place, and I am proud to call her my constituent.

**RECOGNIZING MALNUTRITION
AWARENESS WEEK**

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize this week as Malnutrition Awareness Week.

Every 60 seconds, 10 hospitalized patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed, with the majority of these individuals being older adults. Malnutrition among seniors and older adults can lead to a greater risk of chronic disease, frailty, disability and increases in healthcare costs.

Malnutrition also disproportionately impacts minorities who are often managing comorbid chronic diseases. In my home district, 80 percent of the constituents I represent are of Hispanic background. It is of great concern to hear that malnutrition is more than twice as common among low-income older adult Latino households.

We cannot advance malnutrition care and promote improved patient recovery if we do not align the identification of and interventions for malnutrition with healthcare quality incentive programs.

The great news is that there are common-sense solutions that can close this gap in care now.

We can first begin by measuring the scope of the problem. Sadly, we currently don't know the full extent of the malnutrition problems plaguing our senior population. To change this, we can add screening measures for malnutrition to the national health surveys of older adults and implement national key health indicators and Healthy People 2030 goals for older Americans. Doing something as simple as adding malnutrition measures will help shape public health programs and better guide healthcare professionals as they address serious health conditions.

Another simple change we can make is adding older adult malnutrition to national dietary guidelines.

We cannot expect older adults and their families to take steps to address malnutrition if we do not give them the tools to identify the problem. We must meet older Americans half way so that families can make appropriate interventions for their unique conditions and circumstances. Therefore, I call on HHS and USDA to include dietary guidance for the prevention and treatment of older adult malnutrition and the closely aligned problem of age-related sarcopenia listed in the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Lastly, malnutrition should be interwoven into healthcare incentive programs. A patient's nutrition status is rarely evaluated and managed as individuals transition across care settings. I therefore urge the CMS to include malnutrition electronic clinical quality measures in Medicare quality programs as well as in measures related to malnutrition in care transition programs. This will help reduce hospital readmission rates and improve transitional care for seniors in the long run.

Increasing awareness of nutrition's role on patient recovery and implementing these measurable changes will help educate healthcare professionals and families which will result in helping seniors live healthy and independent lives.