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H. R. 1126

To require a study on public health impacts as a consequence of the February 3, 2023, train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2025

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. RULLI, and Mrs. SYKES) 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 “East Palestine Health
5 Impact Monitoring Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS AS A CON-**
2 **SEQUENCE OF THE TRAIN DERAILMENT IN**
3 **EAST PALESTINE, OHIO.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
6 retary”) shall award a grant, contract, or cooperative
7 agreement to an eligible entity for purposes of conducting
8 a longitudinal study on any human health effects as a con-
9 sequence of the February 3, 2023, train derailment in
10 East Palestine, Ohio, and subsequent venting and burning
11 of chemicals.

12 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—To be eligible for the award
13 under subsection (a), an entity shall be a consortium of
14 public or private institutions of higher education that dem-
15 onstrates requisite capacity and expertise to carry out the
16 study described in such subsection. The Secretary shall
17 give additional consideration to eligible entities that have
18 established relationships within the affected communities.

19 (c) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall submit to the
20 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
21 the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce
22 of the House of Representatives—

23 (1) not later than 2 years after the date on
24 which an award is made pursuant to subsection (a),
25 a report summarizing the progress of such study, in-
26 cluding a description of any challenges related to

1 conducting such study and an anticipated timeline
2 for completion of such study and publication of re-
3 sults; and

4 (2) not later than 1 year after publication of
5 such results, a report describing such results and
6 any ongoing or planned activities of the Secretary to
7 support or conduct further research and, as appro-
8 priate, otherwise address such results.

9 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-
11 essary for fiscal year 2026, to remain available until Sep-
12 tember 30, 2030, to carry out this Act.

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