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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Compassion for Vul-
5 nerable and Struggling Workers Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY TO ENROLL IN FEHBP FOR FIRED**
7 **CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES.**

8 (a) ELIGIBILITY TO ENROLL.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
2 provision of law, any individual described in para-
3 graph (2) may elect to continue coverage under, or
4 enroll in, a health benefits plan under chapter 89 of
5 title 5, United States Code.

6 (2) INDIVIDUALS.—An individual described in
7 this paragraph is any individual who was involun-
8 tarily removed from a civil service position during
9 the period beginning on January 20, 2025, and end-
10 ing on January 1, 2026 and—

11 (A) who was removed without cause;

12 (B) whose most recent performance review
13 was at least fully successful (or equivalent);

14 (C) who was pregnant at the time of the
15 removal; or

16 (D) who was diagnosed with cancer during
17 the 5-year period preceding the date of removal.

18 (b) CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Government and indi-
19 vidual contributions for the health benefits of any indi-
20 vidual who makes an affirmative election to be covered
21 under such chapter 89 under subsection (a) shall be de-
22 rived from any Federal funds saved by the activities of
23 the United States DOGE Service (established by the exec-
24 utive order relating to “Establishing and Implementing

- 1 the President's 'Department of Government Efficiency'",
- 2 issued on January 20, 2025).

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