

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2494

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2025

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The United States is experiencing a housing  
6 crisis. The nation is short millions of housing units.  
7 Renters are spending more than one-third of their  
8 salary on housing costs and buyers are unable to

1 find affordable housing. Our housing stock is short  
2 by millions. No State has been left untouched.

3 (2) The role of regulating the various factors  
4 that contribute to the affordable housing crisis large-  
5 ly rests with States.

6 (3) States have engaged in a variety of efforts  
7 to address this crisis including reforming zoning  
8 rules.

9 (4) To best determine how the Federal Govern-  
10 ment can support effective solutions to the crisis,  
11 Congress must identify which State efforts are suc-  
12 cessfully addressing the crisis.

13 (5) The regulatory barriers clearinghouse serves  
14 as a national repository for information regarding  
15 State and local laws, regulations and policies related  
16 to affordable housing and the effects of those laws,  
17 regulations, and policies on affordable housing. The  
18 clearinghouse also collects State and local efforts  
19 that promote affordable housing.

20 (6) The clearinghouse currently is geared to-  
21 ward providing such information to and for use by  
22 State and local governments.

23 (7) Congress could utilize the information pro-  
24 vided in the clearinghouse to support a Federal re-  
25 sponse to the affordable housing crisis.

1 **SEC. 2. REGULATORY BARRIERS CLEARINGHOUSE REPORT**  
2 **TO CONGRESS.**

3 Section 1205 of the Housing and Community Devel-  
4 opment Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 12705d) is amended by  
5 adding at the end the following:

6 “(e) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of  
7 Housing and Urban Development shall annually submit  
8 to the Congress a report that includes the following ele-  
9 ments:

10 “(1) An analysis of information described in  
11 subsection (a).

12 “(2) Policy recommendations, based on the  
13 analysis described in paragraph (1), that the Con-  
14 gress may use to support the implementation of suc-  
15 cessful State and local strategies, activities, and  
16 plans that promote affordable housing.”.

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