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To govern on behalf of the American people.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCGOVERN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Science, Space, and Technology, Education and Workforce, Small Business, Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Armed Services, Oversight and Government Reform, Veterans' Affairs, Financial Services, House Administration, Homeland Security, Rules, Ethics, the Budget, and Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Governing for the Peo-
5 ple Act”.

TITLE I**SECTION 101. FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION DEDUCTION AMENDMENTS.**

(a) EXTENSION.—Section 181(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2030”.

(b) INCREASE IN DOLLAR LIMITATION.—Section 181(a)(2)(A) of such Code is amended to read as follows:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to so much of the aggregate cost of any qualified film or television production or any qualified live theatrical production as exceeds \$30,000,000.”.

(c) HIGHER DOLLAR LIMITATION FOR PRODUCTIONS IN CERTAIN AREAS.—Section 181(a)(2)(B) of such Code is amended in the matter following clause (ii) by striking “substituting ‘\$20,000,000’ for ‘\$15,000,000’” and inserting “substituting ‘\$40,000,000’ for ‘\$30,000,000’”.

(d) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—Section 181(a)(2) of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in a calendar year after 2026, each dollar amount in subpara-

1 graph (A) or (B) shall be increased by an
2 amount equal to—

3 “(I) such dollar amount, multi-
4 plied by

5 “(II) the cost-of-living adjust-
6 ment determined under section 1(f)(3)
7 for the calendar year in which the tax-
8 able year begins, determined by sub-
9 stituting ‘calendar year 2025’ for ‘cal-
10 endar year 2016’ in subparagraph
11 (A)(ii) thereof.

12 “(ii) Rounding.—Any increase deter-
13 mined under clause (i) shall be rounded to
14 the nearest multiple of \$1,000.”.

15 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall apply to productions commencing after
17 the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 **TITLE II**

19 **SEC. 201. ADDITIONAL TOOL TO PREVENT CERTAIN** 20 **FRAUDS AGAINST VETERANS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 63 of title 18, United
22 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
23 lowing:

1 **“§ 1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits**

2 “(a) Whoever knowingly executes, or attempts to exe-
3 cute, any scheme or artifice to defraud an individual of
4 veterans’ benefits, or in connection with obtaining vet-
5 eran’s benefits for that individual, shall be fined under this
6 title, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

7 “(b) In this section—

8 “(1) the term ‘veteran’ has the meaning given
9 that term in section 101 of title 38; and

10 “(2) the term ‘veterans’ benefits’ means any
11 benefit provided by Federal law for a veteran or a
12 dependent or survivor of a veteran.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
14 for chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
15 by adding at the end the following:

“1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits.”.

16 **TITLE III**

17 **SEC. 301. PURPOSE.**

18 The purpose of this title is to ensure that parties af-
19 fected by wildland fires resulting from management activi-
20 ties conducted by the Department of Agriculture on Na-
21 tional Forest System land are eligible to receive 100 per-
22 cent funding for the cost of remediating direct and indi-
23 rect damages under authorized Federal recovery pro-
24 grams.

1 **SEC. 302. COST-SHARE WAIVER FOR REHABILITATION**
2 **FROM WILDLAND FIRES.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) COVERED MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The
5 term “covered matching requirement” means a re-
6 quirement under a program of the Secretary for
7 wildland fire recovery for a State, Indian Tribe, lo-
8 cality, or individual to provide matching funds, in
9 cash, for a project.

10 (2) COVERED WILDLAND FIRE.—The term
11 “covered wildland fire” means a wildland fire that
12 the Secretary determines to be a result of manage-
13 ment activities conducted by the Secretary on Na-
14 tional Forest System land.

15 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
16 the Secretary of Agriculture.

17 (4) WILDLAND FIRE.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “wildland
19 fire” means any non-structure fire that occurs
20 in vegetation or natural fuels.

21 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “wildland
22 fire” includes wildfire, prescribed fire, and any
23 direct or indirect damage resulting in watershed
24 impairment.

25 (b) WAIVER.—Notwithstanding any other provision
26 of law, the Secretary may waive any covered matching re-

1 quirement for a project in response to a covered wildland
2 fire that is in an area affected by that covered wildland
3 fire.

4 **TITLE IV**

5 **SEC. 401. AWARDS FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LIT-** 6 **ERACY PROGRAMS.**

7 (a) AWARDS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National
9 Science Foundation (NSF) may make awards to eli-
10 gible entities, including nonprofit organizations, edu-
11 cational institutions, or consortiums of such entities,
12 to develop, implement, and evaluate programs that
13 promote AI literacy at the local level allowing com-
14 munities to learn about AI from local, trusted
15 sources.

16 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—Awards made under this
17 subsection may be used for the following:

18 (A) To develop curricula, educational ma-
19 terials, and resources focused on AI literacy, in-
20 cluding relating to understanding the basics of
21 AI, its applications, ethical considerations, and
22 the societal impacts of AI.

23 (B) To provide AI literacy education and
24 training to marginalized communities, with pri-
25 ority given to communities of color, low-income

1 populations, rural areas, senior citizens, people
2 with disabilities, and other underserved groups.

3 (C) To conduct outreach and engagement
4 activities to raise awareness of AI literacy and
5 encourage participation in AI literacy programs.

6 (D) To evaluate the effectiveness of AI lit-
7 eracy programs and share best practices and
8 lessons learned with other organizations and in-
9 stitutions.

10 (3) PRIORITIZATION.—In making awards under
11 this subsection, the Director of the NSF may en-
12 courage applications that—

13 (A) demonstrate a strong commitment to
14 serving marginalized communities, including
15 senior citizens;

16 (B) have experience launching technology
17 education local programs working with target
18 populations; and

19 (C) propose innovative and scalable ap-
20 proaches to AI literacy education.

21 (4) REPORTING.—Each recipient of an award
22 made under this subsection shall submit to the Di-
23 rector of the NSF an annual report that may in-
24 clude the following:

1 (A) A description of the AI literacy pro-
2 grams funded by the award.

3 (B) Information relating to the number
4 and demographics of individuals served by the
5 award.

6 (C) An assessment of the impact of the
7 award on participants' understanding of AI and
8 its implications.

9 (b) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION, REPORTING, AND
10 AWARD IDENTIFICATION.—

11 (1) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
12 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
13 the heads of the following Federal agencies shall
14 each submit to Congress a report detailing how the
15 respective agency can more effectively advance AI
16 literacy:

17 (A) The Secretary of Labor shall assess
18 how AI literacy can be integrated into work-
19 force development programs, with a focus on
20 preparing workers for the jobs of the future and
21 maintaining the United States competitive ad-
22 vantage and national security through artificial
23 intelligence.

24 (B) The Secretary of Commerce shall
25 evaluate how AI literacy can enhance the com-

1 petitiveness of United States businesses, par-
2 ticularly small and medium-sized enterprises, in
3 the global AI economy, and contribute to main-
4 taining the United States competitive advantage
5 and national security through artificial intel-
6 ligence.

7 (C) The Administrator of the Small Busi-
8 ness Administration shall evaluate opportunities
9 to support AI literacy among small business
10 owners and entrepreneurs, with an emphasis on
11 underserved communities, to maintain the
12 United States competitive advantage and na-
13 tional security through artificial intelligence.

14 (D) The Secretary of Education shall iden-
15 tify strategies for incorporating AI literacy into
16 K–12 and higher education curricula, ensuring
17 that all students have access to quality AI edu-
18 cation, and that AI literacy contributes to
19 maintaining the United States competitive ad-
20 vantage and national security through artificial
21 intelligence.

22 (2) AWARD IDENTIFICATION AND MODIFICA-
23 TION.—The head of each agency specified in para-
24 graph (1) shall also include in the respective reports
25 required under such paragraph the following:

1 (A) An identification of existing awards
2 under the jurisdiction of the respective agency
3 that can be modified to include AI literacy as
4 an eligible use of funds.

5 (B) Recommendations on how such awards
6 can be adapted to support AI literacy initia-
7 tives, particularly in the context of workforce
8 development, business competitiveness, edu-
9 cation, and national security.

10 (C) Specific examples of award programs
11 that could be modified and the potential impact
12 of such modifications.

13 (3) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the reports
14 and recommendations required under this sub-
15 section, the head of each agency shall consult with
16 relevant stakeholders, including educators, industry
17 representatives, community organizations, and AI
18 experts.

19 (4) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The reports re-
20 quired under this subsection shall be made publicly
21 available on the websites of the respective agencies.

22 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) AI.—The term “AI” means artificial intel-
24 ligence.

1 Intelligence shall submit to the appropriate congressional
2 committees and Secretary of the Treasury a report ana-
3 lyzing oil and ballistic missile-related transactions between
4 the People’s Republic of China and the Islamic Republic
5 of Iran.

6 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
7 (a) shall include the following:

8 (1) An assessment of the purchases of Iranian
9 oil by the People’s Republic of China since 2020, in-
10 cluding an assessment of the use of transshipment
11 points and shell companies as methods to insulate
12 the People’s Republic of China from sanctions.

13 (2) An assessment of significant financial trans-
14 actions by entities in the People’s Republic of China
15 related to the sale, supply, or transfer to Iran of
16 chemical precursors and other materials that may
17 support the ballistic missile program of Iran.

18 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
19 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
20 sional committees” means—

21 (1) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
22 Urban Affairs, the Committee on Commerce,
23 Science, and Transportation, the Committee on
24 Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Rela-

1 tions, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of
2 the Senate; and

3 (2) the Committee on Financial Services, the
4 Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Com-
5 mittee on Armed Services, the Committee on For-
6 eign Affairs, and the Permanent Select Committee
7 on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

8 **SEC. 502. DETERMINATION.**

9 Not later than 6 months after the submission of the
10 report required by section 2, the Secretary of the Treasury
11 shall determine whether the People's Republic of China
12 is conducting any sanctionable activities and report such
13 determination to Congress.

14 **TITLE VI**

15 **SEC. 601. COVERAGE REQUIREMENT.**

16 (a) **COVERAGE STANDARD.**—All health insurers—in-
17 cluding a group health plan, a health insurance issuer of-
18 fering group or individual health insurance coverage, and
19 all applicable Federal health programs—shall provide full
20 coverage, without cost-sharing, for annual low-dose com-
21 puted tomography (LDCT) or other appropriate lung can-
22 cer screening technologies for eligible individuals described
23 in section (3).

24 (b) **PROHIBITED BARRIERS.**—Coverage under this
25 title may not be subject to—

- 1 (1) prior authorization;
- 2 (2) step-therapy or other utilization controls;
- 3 (3) frequency limits more restrictive than one
- 4 screening annually; or
- 5 (4) documentation requirements beyond those
- 6 included in recent evidence-based clinical guidelines.

7 **SEC. 602. ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.**

8 An eligible individual is an adult who—

- 9 (1) is 50 to 80 years old; and
- 10 (2) is determined by a treating health care pro-
- 11 fessional to be at increased risk for lung cancer
- 12 based on personal, environmental, or familial risk
- 13 factors.

14 **SEC. 603. IMPLEMENTATION.**

15 The Secretary of Health and Human Services, the
16 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
17 and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management
18 shall issue implementing regulations within 180 days of
19 enactment and ensure program-wide compliance.

20 **TITLE VII**

21 **SEC. 701. IMPLEMENTATION OF GAO RECOMMENDATIONS.**

22 The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Man-
23 agement Agency and the Secretary of Housing and Urban
24 Development shall take such actions as may be necessary
25 to implement the priority recommendations of the Comp-

1 troller General of the United States contained in the re-
2 port published on November 15, 2022, and titled “Dis-
3 aster Recovery: Actions Needed to Improve the Federal
4 Approach” (GAO–23–104956).

5 **TITLE VIII**

6 **SEC. 801. UPDATING THE PROCESS FOR PAYING SALARIES** 7 **OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

8 Section 116(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropria-
9 tions Act, 2002 (2 U.S.C. 4551) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “The usual day” and inserting
11 “(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the usual
12 day”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(2) When the House of Representatives next up-
15 grades its payroll system, if directed by the Committee on
16 House Administration of the House of Representatives,
17 the Chief Administrative Officer may pay salaries in or
18 under the House of Representatives twice per month, or
19 on the basis of such other schedule, as such Committee
20 may promulgate by regulation.”.

TITLE IX**SECTION 901. ADMINISTRATION OF NEXT GENERATION****WARNING SYSTEM GRANT PROGRAM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall take such actions as may be necessary to—

(1) assume responsibility for administering the Next Generation Warning System grant program;

(2) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, disburse all funds made available for fiscal year 2022 to carry out such program under the heading “Protection, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery—Federal Emergency Management Agency—Federal Assistance” of title III of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103) that are obligated as of the date of enactment of this Act; and

(3) begin the process of awarding grants under the Next Generation Warning System grant program with funds made available to carry out such program—

(A) for fiscal year 2023 under the heading “Protection, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery—Federal Emergency Management Agency—Federal Assistance” of title III of the Con-

1 consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law
2 117–328); and

3 (B) for fiscal year 2024 under the heading
4 “Protection, Preparedness, Response, and Re-
5 covery—Federal Emergency Management Agen-
6 cy—Federal Assistance” of title III of the Fur-
7 ther Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024
8 (Public Law 118–47).

9 (b) COMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-
10 MENT.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary,
13 in consultation with other relevant Federal agencies
14 and departments, State, local, Tribal, and territorial
15 governments, and relevant owners and operators of
16 critical infrastructure, as appropriate, shall, to the
17 extent practicable, carry out research and develop-
18 ment to support and improve the—

19 (A) accessibility of emergency warning sys-
20 tems;

21 (B) resiliency and security of emergency
22 warning systems; and

23 (C) other matters as the Secretary deter-
24 mines appropriate.

1 (b) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—Sub-
2 section (a) is enacted—

3 (1) as an exercise of rulemaking power of the
4 House of Representatives, and, as such, shall be con-
5 sidered as part of the rules of the House, and such
6 rules shall supersede any other rule of the House
7 only to the extent that rule is inconsistent therewith;
8 and

9 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
10 right of either House to change such rules (so far
11 as relating to the procedure in such House) at any
12 time, in the same manner, and to the same extent
13 as in the case of any other rule of the House.

14 **TITLE XI**

15 **SEC. 1101. CODE OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT.**

16 In rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives, strike clause 18 and insert the following:

18 “18.(a) A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
19 sioner may not engage in a sexual relationship with any
20 employee of the House who works under the supervision
21 of the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner, or
22 who is an employee of a committee on which the Member,
23 Delegate, or Resident Commissioner serves. This para-
24 graph does not apply with respect to any relationship be-
25 tween two people who are married to each other.

1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
2 SERVICES

3 NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

4 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DENTAL AND CRANIOFACIAL
5 RESEARCH

6 For an additional amount for necessary expenses for
7 carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health
8 Service Act with respect to dental and craniofacial dis-
9 eases, \$1,000,000.

10 ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION
11 SERVICE

12 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

13 For an additional amount for the Animal and Plant
14 Health Inspection Service salaries and expenses,
15 \$1,000,000.

16 UNITED STATES TAX COURT

17 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

18 For an additional amount for necessary expenses,
19 \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended.

20 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

21 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE

22 For an additional amount of expenses, not otherwise
23 provided for, necessary for the operations and mainte-
24 nance of the Space Force, as authorized by law,
25 \$1,000,000.

1 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

2 NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION FUND

3 For an additional amount of expenses necessary to
4 carry out the provisions of the North American Wetlands
5 Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4401 et seq.), \$1,000,000,
6 to remain available until expended.

7 FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

8 SAFETY AND OPERATIONS

9 For an additional amount of expenses necessary of
10 the Federal Railroad Administration, \$1,000,000.

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