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# H. R. 7504

To require the Government Accountability Office to study and recommend a definition for workforce housing.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

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# A BILL

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the ''Housing for America's Middle Class Act of 2026''.

**SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

The Congress finds that—

(1) the lack of affordable housing in the United States is an issue impacting millions of middle-class, working American families;

(2) many of these families earn more annually than the income limits for certain Federal housing financing and benefits; and

(3) these families are often excluded from living in neighborhoods near their places of work, schools, shopping, and healthcare due to a lack of affordability.

**SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Congress a report that—

(1) identifies issues with housing affordability for America's middle-income homeowners and renters, including identifying geographically where housing is the most unaffordable for these populations;

(2) identifies Federal housing programs, including Federal tax credits, grants, credit programs, and other programs that currently benefit lower-income households, which are not available to middle-income households;

(3) identifies any gaps in the inclusion of middle-income households in Federal housing programs designed to promote affordability;

(4) sets forth recommendations for a definition of ''workforce housing'' based on income parameters in order to assist Federal agencies in including middle-income households under existing Federal programs; and

(5) analyzes how such a definition could relate to incentives for workforce housing development through Federal programs, policies, and other initiatives.

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