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H. R. 8478

To amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to make the reconsideration review process optional.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2026

Mrs. FOUSHEE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Respecting Every
5 Claimant’s appeal Options Now Act” or the “RECON
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF MANDATORY RECONSIDERATION**
8 **REVIEW.**

9 (a) TITLE II AMENDMENT.—Section 205(b)(1) of the
10 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(b)(1)) is amended by

1 adding at the end the following: “The Commissioner shall
2 provide opportunity for a hearing in accordance with this
3 subsection with respect to any initial decision or deter-
4 mination under this title upon the request of such appli-
5 cant or such other individual. The Commissioner may not
6 require reconsideration of the initial decision or deter-
7 mination prior to the hearing.”.

8 (b) TITLE XVI AMENDMENT.—Section
9 1631(c)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
10 1383(c)(1)(A)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing: “The Commissioner shall provide opportunity for
12 a hearing in accordance with this subsection with respect
13 to any initial decision or determination under this title
14 upon the request of such individual. The Commissioner
15 may not require reconsideration of the initial decision or
16 determination prior to the hearing.”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 this section shall apply with respect to any initial decision
19 or determination relating to entitlement to a benefit under
20 title II or XVI of the Social Security Act made on or after
21 the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this
22 Act.

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