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To require the Office of Management and Budget to consider revising the Standard Occupational Classification system to establish a separate code for strength and conditioning coaches, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OWENS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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 “Support accurate and
5 Thorough data collection and Recognition of Our Nation’s
6 Growing number of strength and conditioning coaches
7 Act” or the “STRONG Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Strength and conditioning coaches work
4 with athletes, law enforcement, first responders,
5 members of the United States military, and other
6 physically active individuals to improve physical per-
7 formance and minimize the risk of injury. Strength
8 and conditioning coaches apply unique training and
9 skills in the following ways:

10 (A) Assess, motivate, educate, and train
11 athletes to improve sport performance.

12 (B) Conduct general physical and sport-
13 specific testing sessions.

14 (C) Design and implement safe and effec-
15 tive strength training and conditioning pro-
16 grams.

17 (D) Provide guidance for athletes and
18 other active individuals in physical preparation
19 and injury prevention.

20 (2) Through the support of strength and condi-
21 tioning coaches, athletes, law enforcement, first re-
22 sponders, and members of the United States military
23 are less likely to experience serious injuries and are
24 able to recover more quickly from injuries.

25 (3) Strength and conditioning coaches have a
26 specific combination of education, experience, and

1 certification that is unique to strength and condi-
2 tioning coaches and differs from other occupations,
3 including—

4 (A) for all college and university, profes-
5 sional sports teams, and United States govern-
6 ment positions, a nationally accredited certifi-
7 cation;

8 (B) standards of a minimum of 300 hours
9 supervised internship or field experience;

10 (C) abiding by a professional code of ethics
11 that is specific to strength and conditioning
12 coaches; and

13 (D) the earning of a bachelor's degree.

14 (4) The Standard Occupational Classification
15 system is designed and maintained solely for statis-
16 tical purposes, and is used by Federal statistical
17 agencies to classify workers and jobs into occupa-
18 tional categories for the purpose of collecting, calcu-
19 lating, analyzing, or disseminating data.

20 (5) Occupations in the Standard Occupational
21 Classification system are classified based on work
22 performed and, in some cases, on the skills, edu-
23 cation, or training needed to perform the work.

24 (6) Establishing a discrete occupational cat-
25 egory for strength and conditioning coaches will—

1 (A) correct an inaccurate representation in
2 the Standard Occupational Classification sys-
3 tem;

4 (B) recognize these professionals for the
5 specialized work they perform with athletes, law
6 enforcement, first responders, and members of
7 the United States military, which is different
8 than the work of an athletic trainer or physical
9 therapist; and

10 (C) better align the Standard Occupational
11 Classification system with related classification
12 systems.

13 **SEC. 3. REVISION OF STANDARD OCCUPATIONAL CLASSI-**
14 **FICATION SYSTEM.**

15 The Director of the Office of Management and Budg-
16 et shall, as part of the first revision of the Standard Occu-
17 pational Classification system occurring after the date of
18 enactment of this Act, consider revising the Standard Oc-
19 cupational Classification system to establish a separate
20 code for strength and conditioning coaches as a detailed
21 occupation within the group “Healthcare Practitioners
22 and Technical Occupations”.

23 **SEC. 4. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

24 If, after carrying out section 3, the Director of the
25 Office of Management and Budget decides not to establish

1 a separate code for strength and conditioning coaches in
2 the Standard Occupational Classification system, the Di-
3 rector shall, not later than 30 days after the first revision
4 of the Standard Occupational Classification system occur-
5 ring after the date of enactment of this Act, submit a re-
6 port to the Committee on Education and Workforce of the
7 House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-
8 land Security and Government Affairs of the Senate ex-
9 plaining the decision to not establish such a separate code.

10 **SEC. 5. NO NEW FUNDS.**

11 No additional funds are authorized to be appro-
12 priated to carry out this Act.

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