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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**H. R.** _____

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to the Congress with respect to Federal homelessness programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SCHIFF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Comprehensive Ac-
5 countability and Responsibility to End Homelessness Act”
6 or the “CARE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON FEDERAL HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
3 of the enactment of this section, the Comptroller General
4 of the United States shall submit to the Congress a report
5 that assesses the effectiveness of each program adminis-
6 tered by a Federal agency that assists homeless individ-
7 uals, including—

8 (1) a cost-benefit analysis of each program that
9 includes—

10 (A) the number and demographics of
11 homeless individuals served;

12 (B) the services provided by each program;

13 (C) the amounts allocated to each program
14 by the agency each fiscal year and any amounts
15 allocated to such program that remain unused;
16 and

17 (D) the outcomes of homeless individuals
18 who participated in each program with respect
19 to—

20 (i) housing stability;

21 (ii) criminal justice involvement;

22 (iii) employment; and

23 (iv) healthcare access;

24 (2) a description of—

1 (A) the programs that provide the best
2 outcomes for the long-term housing stability of
3 homeless individuals served;

4 (B) any weaknesses, inefficiencies, or areas
5 of concerns for each program;

6 (C) the most effective laws, regulations,
7 and guidance that reduce homelessness; and

8 (D) any challenges with respect to work-
9 force shortages for any continuum of care or
10 any other homelessness service provider; and

11 (3) recommendations to improve—

12 (A) the performance, accountability, and
13 oversight of such programs; and

14 (B) existing data systems that any con-
15 tinuum of care or any other homelessness serv-
16 ice providers use to measure program outcomes.

17 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) CONTINUUM OF CARE.—The term “con-
19 tinuum of care” means a collaborative applicant es-
20 tablished and operating for a geographic area for
21 purposes of the Continuum of Care Program under
22 subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Home-
23 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.).

1 (2) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “Federal
2 agency” has the meaning given such term “agency”
3 in section 551 of title 5, United States Code.

4 (3) HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL.—The term “home-
5 less individual” has the meaning given such term in
6 section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-
7 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302).