

.....  
(Original Signature of Member)

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To require the collection of information on multigenerational caregiving in at least one major Federal population survey, and for other purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. HOULAHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**A BILL**

To require the collection of information on multigenerational caregiving in at least one major Federal population survey, and for other purposes.

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 “Multigenerational  
5       Caregiving Data Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds the following:

1           (1) A growing number of individuals in the  
2           United States provide unpaid care to both children  
3           and older adults.

4           (2) These individuals face distinct economic,  
5           health, and workforce challenges.

6           (3) Existing Federal data do not adequately  
7           capture multigenerational caregiving responsibilities,  
8           particularly when care is provided across households.

9           (4) Improved data collection would enhance pol-  
10          icymaking related to caregiving, labor force partici-  
11          pation, and health outcomes.

12          (5) Major Federal population surveys, including  
13          those conducted by the United States Census Bu-  
14          reau and the National Center for Health Statistics,  
15          are appropriate instruments for collecting such data.

16 **SEC. 3. DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENT ON**  
17 **MULTIGENERATIONAL CAREGIVERS.**

18          (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the  
19          date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Com-  
20          merce, in consultation with the heads of relevant Federal  
21          statistical agencies, shall ensure that at least 1 major Fed-  
22          eral population survey includes a question designed to  
23          identify multigenerational caregivers who provided regular  
24          unpaid care or assistance within the previous 12 month  
25          period to—

1 (1) a child under age 18;

2 (2) an adult between 18 and 34 years of age  
3 with a health condition or disability;

4 (3) an adult between 35 to 64 years of age with  
5 a health condition or disability;

6 (4) an adult 65 years or older with a health  
7 condition or disability; or

8 (5) more than one individual described in any  
9 of paragraphs (1) through (4).

10 (b) FLEXIBILITY.—The Secretary may modify the  
11 wording, response categories, or placement of the question  
12 under subsection (a) as necessary to—

13 (1) ensure clarity and reliability of responses;

14 (2) minimize respondent burden; and

15 (3) maintain consistency with the methodology  
16 of the selected survey.

17 (c) TESTING.—Before full implementation of the  
18 question under this section, the responsible agency shall  
19 conduct—

20 (1) cognitive testing; and

21 (2) field testing, as appropriate.

22 (d) VOLUNTARY RESPONSE.—Any response to the  
23 question required under this section shall be voluntary.

24 (e) REPORT; PUBLICATION.—

1           (1) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the  
2 question under subsection (a) is included in any  
3 major Federal population survey, the Secretary shall  
4 submit a report to Congress that—

5                   (A) evaluates data quality and usability;

6                   (B) assesses respondent burden and re-  
7 sponse rates;

8                   (C) identifies which survey or surveys in-  
9 cluded the question; and

10                  (D) provides recommendations for expand-  
11 ing, modifying, or discontinuing the question.

12           (2) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall publish  
13 the report submitted under paragraph (1) on the  
14 public website of the Department of Commerce.

15           (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

16                   (1) MAJOR FEDERAL POPULATION SURVEY.—  
17 The term “major Federal population survey” means  
18 a nationally representative survey of individuals or  
19 households conducted by a Federal statistical agen-  
20 cy, including—

21                           (A) the American Community Survey;

22                           (B) the Current Population Survey;

23                           (C) the National Health Interview Survey;

24                           or

1 (D) any successor or similar survey des-  
2 ignated by the Secretary;

3 (2) MULTIGENERATIONAL CAREGIVER.—The  
4 term “multigenerational caregiver” means an indi-  
5 vidual who provides unpaid care or assistance to at  
6 least two of the following individuals:

7 (A) A child under age 18.

8 (B) An adult between 18 and 64 years of  
9 age with a health condition or disability.

10 (C) An adult aged 65 years or older with  
11 a health condition or disability.

12 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
13 the Secretary of Commerce.