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To reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness  
and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. ISSA, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. KIND, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. SIRES, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. GORDON of Tennessee, Mr. ROYCE, Ms. BORDALLO, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. OLVER, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. WOLF, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. WEXLER, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. NADLER of New York, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. DELAHUNT, and Mr. LYNCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF**  
2 **JOHANNA'S LAW.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 317P(d)(4) of the Public  
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–17(d)(4)) is amended  
5 by inserting after “2009” the following: “, \$16,500,000  
6 for the period of fiscal years 2010 through 2012, and such  
7 sums as are necessary for each subsequent fiscal year”.

8 (b) COLLABORATION WITH NONPROFIT  
9 GYNECOLOGIC CANCER ORGANIZATIONS.—Section  
10 317P(d) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–17(d)) is amended  
11 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

12 “(5) COLLABORATION WITH NONPROFIT  
13 GYNECOLOGIC CANCER ORGANIZATIONS.—In car-  
14 rying out the national campaign under this sub-  
15 section, the Secretary shall collaborate with the lead-  
16 ing nonprofit gynecologic cancer organizations, with  
17 a mission both to conquer ovarian cancer nationwide  
18 and to provide outreach to State and local govern-  
19 ments and communities, for the purpose of deter-  
20 mining the best practices for providing gynecologic  
21 cancer information and outreach services to varied  
22 populations.”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING OUT-**  
2 **REACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES RELAT-**  
3 **ING TO GYNECOLOGIC CANCER.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 317P of the Public  
5 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–17) is amended by  
6 adding at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(e) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING OUT-  
8 REACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry  
10 out a program to make grants to nonprofit private  
11 entities for the purpose of carrying out demonstra-  
12 tion projects to test different outreach and education  
13 strategies to increase the awareness and knowledge  
14 of women and health care providers with respect to  
15 gynecologic cancers, including early warning signs,  
16 risk factors, prevention, screening, and treatment  
17 options. Such strategies shall include strategies di-  
18 rected at women and their families, physicians,  
19 nurses, and key health professionals.

20 “(2) PREFERENCES IN MAKING GRANTS.—In  
21 making grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary  
22 shall give preference to—

23 “(A) applicants with demonstrated exper-  
24 tise in gynecologic cancer education or treat-  
25 ment or in working with groups of women who

1 are at especially high risk of gynecologic can-  
2 cers; and

3 “(B) applicants that, in the demonstration  
4 project funded by the grant, will establish link-  
5 ages between physicians, nurses, and key health  
6 professionals, hospitals, payers, and State  
7 health departments.

8 “(3) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may  
9 be made under paragraph (1) only if an application  
10 for the grant is submitted to the Secretary and the  
11 application is in such form, is made in such manner,  
12 and contains such agreements, assurances, and in-  
13 formation as the Secretary determines to be nec-  
14 essary to carry out this subsection.

15 “(4) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—In making  
16 grants under paragraph (1)—

17 “(A) the Secretary shall make grants to  
18 not fewer than five applicants, subject to the  
19 extent of amounts made available in appropria-  
20 tions Acts; and

21 “(B) the Secretary shall ensure that infor-  
22 mation provided through demonstration projects  
23 under such grants is consistent with the best  
24 available medical information.

1           “(5) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6  
2           months after the date of the enactment of this sub-  
3           section and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall  
4           submit to the Congress a report that—

5                   “(A) summarizes the activities of dem-  
6                   onstration projects under paragraph (1);

7                   “(B) evaluates the extent to which the  
8                   projects were effective in increasing early detec-  
9                   tion of gynecologic cancers and awareness of  
10                  risk factors and early warning signs in the pop-  
11                  ulations to which the projects were directed;  
12                  and

13                  “(C) identifies barriers to early detection  
14                  and appropriate treatment of such cancers.

15           “(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

16                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of car-  
17                   rying out this subsection, there is authorized to  
18                   be appropriated in the aggregate \$15,000,000  
19                   for the period of fiscal years 2010 through  
20                   2012 and such sums as are necessary for each  
21                   subsequent fiscal year.

22                   “(B) ADMINISTRATION, TECHNICAL AS-  
23                   SISTANCE, AND EVALUATION.—Of the amounts  
24                   appropriated under subparagraph (A), not more  
25                   than 9 percent may be expended for the pur-

1           pose of administering this subsection, providing  
2           technical assistance to grantees under this sub-  
3           section, and preparing the report under para-  
4           graph (5).”.

5           (b)       CONFORMING        AMENDMENT.—Subsection  
6   (d)(3)(A) of such section is amended by inserting “(other  
7   than subsections (e))” after “this section”.

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