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H. R. 2502

To amend title 40, United States Code, to require certain prospectuses for public buildings to be made publicly available, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Transparency in Fed-
5 eral Buildings Projects Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF BUILDING PROJECT IN-**
7 **FORMATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 40, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new section:

1 **“SEC. 3318. AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL BUILDING PROJECT**
2 **INFORMATION.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after
4 the date of enactment of this section, and, at a minimum,
5 on a quarterly basis thereafter, the Administrator shall
6 make publicly available on a subpage of the website of the
7 General Services Administration all prospectuses sub-
8 mitted pursuant to sections 3307 and 3316, and associ-
9 ated information subject to the following requirements:

10 “(1) The Administrator shall maintain such in-
11 formation in an easily accessible and readable, orga-
12 nized, downloadable, and searchable format.

13 “(2) The Administrator shall ensure the infor-
14 mation is current and prospectuses and associated
15 information updated on a regular basis.

16 “(3) The information required under this sec-
17 tion shall be inclusive for a period of not less than
18 10 years.

19 “(4) The information shall include—

20 “(A) the last date on which the relevant
21 webpage was updated;

22 “(B) approval dates of respective author-
23 izing resolutions by each committee of jurisdic-
24 tion, if applicable;

1 “(C) copies of respective committee of ju-
2 risdiction resolutions authorizing such
3 prospectuses, as appropriate;

4 “(D) cross-references to any resubmitted
5 or amended prospectuses and associated resolu-
6 tions; and

7 “(E) such other information as determined
8 by the Administrator.

9 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following
10 definitions apply:

11 “(1) PROSPECTUS.—The term ‘prospectus’
12 means prospectuses, building surveys, and factsheets
13 submitted to the committees of jurisdiction pursuant
14 to sections 3307 and 3316.

15 “(2) COMMITTEES OF JURISDICTION.—The
16 term ‘committees of jurisdiction’ means the Com-
17 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
18 House of Representatives and the Committee on En-
19 vironment and Public Works of the Senate.

20 “(3) ASSOCIATED INFORMATION.—The term
21 ‘associated information’ means resolutions approved
22 by the committees of jurisdiction and other informa-
23 tion as required pursuant to subsection (a).”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of chap-
2 ters for chapter 33 of title 40, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

“3318. Availability of Federal building project information.”.

