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To amend the Public Health Service Act to expand research and education with respect to endometrial cancer, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. BASS, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. RUSH, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. PLASKETT, and Mr. CLYBURN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Endometrial Cancer
5 Research and Education Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Endometrial cancer is cancer of the lining
4 of the uterus (or endometrium) and is the most com-
5 mon form of uterine cancer.

6 (2) Endometrial cancer is the fourth most com-
7 mon cancer diagnosed in women, after breast, lung,
8 and colon cancer.

9 (3) Endometrial cancer mainly affects post-
10 menopausal women, with most women diagnosed be-
11 tween age 55 and 64.

12 (4) Women with polycystic ovary syndrome
13 (PCOS) and uterine leiomyoma have an increased
14 risk of developing endometrial cancer.

15 (5) Unlike most other types of cancer, the inci-
16 dence of endometrial cancer, particularly aggressive
17 subtypes of such cancer, has been increasing in the
18 United States among all women, particularly among
19 African-American and Asian women, with a 2.5 an-
20 nual percent change for both groups.

21 (6) In comparison to non-Hispanic White
22 women, African-American women have significantly
23 higher incidence rates of aggressive endometrial can-
24 cers.

1 (7) Such incidence rates for Hispanic and Asian
2 women are equal to or lower than such incidence
3 rates for non-Hispanic White women.

4 (8) Although non-Hispanic White women are
5 more likely to be diagnosed with endometrial cancer
6 in comparison to African-American women, the rate
7 of mortality is higher for African-American women.

8 (9) Currently, the cause of such disparity is un-
9 known. Researchers have studied the disparity in re-
10 lation to the time between diagnosis and treatment
11 of endometrial cancer, including socioeconomic fac-
12 tors.

13 **SEC. 3. EXPANDING RESEARCH AND EDUCATION WITH RE-**
14 **SPECT TO ENDOMETRIAL CANCER.**

15 (a) NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.—Part B of
16 title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284
17 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following
18 new section:

19 **“SEC. 409K. ENDOMETRIAL CANCER.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall—

21 “(1) expand, intensify, and coordinate programs
22 to conduct and support research with respect to
23 endometrial cancer; and

24 “(2) communicate to medical professionals and
25 researchers, including through the endometrial can-

1 cer public education program established under sec-
2 tion 399V–7, the disparity in the diagnosis of
3 endometrial cancer between African-American
4 women and non-Hispanic White women and any new
5 research relating to endometrial cancer.

6 “(b) COORDINATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTES.—
7 The Director of NIH shall coordinate activities carried out
8 by the Director pursuant to subsection (a) with similar
9 activities carried out by—

10 “(1) the Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriv-
11 er National Institute of Child Health and Human
12 Development;

13 “(2) the Director of the National Institute on
14 Minority Health and Health Disparities; and

15 “(3) the Director of the Office of Research on
16 Women’s Health.

17 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
18 purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized
19 to be appropriated \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2021
20 through 2023.”.

21 (b) CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVEN-
22 TION.—Part P of title III of the Public Health Service
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at
24 the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 399V-7. ENDOMETRIAL CANCER PUBLIC EDUCATION**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
4 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
5 vention, shall develop and disseminate to the public infor-
6 mational materials on endometrial cancer, including the
7 incidence rate of such cancer, the risk factors for devel-
8 oping such cancer, the increased risk for ethnic minority
9 women to develop such cancer, and the range of available
10 treatments for such cancer. Any informational material
11 developed pursuant to the previous sentence may be trans-
12 mitted to a nonprofit organization; institution of higher
13 education; Federal, State, or local agency; or media entity
14 for purposes of disseminating such material to the public.

15 “(b) CONSULTATION.—In developing and dissemi-
16 nating informational materials under subsection (a), the
17 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
18 tion shall consult with the Administrator of the Health
19 Resources and Services Administration.

20 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
21 purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized
22 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for
23 each of fiscal years 2021 through 2023.”.

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