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To provide for research and education with respect to uterine fibroids, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself, Ms. BROWN, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. SEWELL, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. FIELDS, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. TLAIB, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. PETERS, Mr. FROST, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. SALINAS, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. MENG, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. SIMON, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. FIGURES, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. RIVAS, and Mr. MANNION) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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fibroids, 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 “Stephanie Tubbs Jones
5 Uterine Fibroid Research and Education Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds as follows:

3 (1) It is estimated that 20 percent to 50 per-
4 cent of women of reproductive age currently have
5 uterine fibroids, and up to 77 percent of women will
6 develop fibroids before menopause.

7 (2) In the United States, an estimated
8 26,000,000 women between the ages of 15 and 50
9 have uterine fibroids, and approximately 15,000,000
10 of these individuals experience symptoms. Uterine
11 fibroids may cause significant morbidity through
12 their presence in the uterus and pelvic cavity, and
13 symptoms can include pelvic pain, severe menstrual
14 bleeding, iron-deficiency anemia, fatigue, bladder or
15 bowel dysfunction, infertility, and pregnancy com-
16 plications and loss.

17 (3) The pain, discomfort, stress, and other
18 physical and emotional symptoms of living with
19 fibroids may significantly interfere with a woman's
20 quality of life, compromising her ability to function
21 normally or work or care for her family, and may
22 lead to more severe health and wellness issues.

23 (4) Most women will experience uterine fibroids
24 by the age of 50, yet few data exist describing the
25 overall patient experience with fibroids.

1 (5) Many people with fibroids are likely
2 undiagnosed. Patients wait on average 3.6 years be-
3 fore seeking treatment, and over 40 percent of pa-
4 tients see two or more health care providers prior to
5 receiving a diagnosis, underscoring the need for im-
6 proved awareness and education.

7 (6) People of color are more likely to develop
8 uterine fibroids. It is estimated that more than 80
9 percent of Black women and about 70 percent of
10 White women develop fibroids by the time they reach
11 menopause. Black individuals with fibroids have also
12 been shown to have more severe symptoms and de-
13 velop early-onset uterine fibroids that develop into
14 larger tumors.

15 (7) Current research and available data do not
16 provide adequate information on the prevalence and
17 incidence of fibroids in Asian, Hispanic, and Black
18 individuals.

19 (8) Symptomatic uterine fibroids can cause re-
20 productive problems, including infertility. People
21 with uterine fibroids are much more likely to mis-
22 carry during early pregnancy than people without
23 them.

24 (9) According to the Evidence Report Summary
25 on the Management of Uterine Fibroids, as compiled

1 by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
2 of the Department of Health and Human Services,
3 there is a “remarkable lack of high-quality evidence
4 supporting the effectiveness of most interventions for
5 symptomatic fibroids”.

6 (10) Most medical options for managing fibroid
7 symptoms regulate or suppress menstruation and
8 prevent pregnancy. There is a great need for mini-
9 mally invasive, fertility-friendly therapies, as well as
10 biomarkers, imaging assessments, or risk-based algo-
11 rithms that can help predict patient response to
12 therapy.

13 (11) The presence of symptomatic uterine
14 fibroids is the most common reason for
15 hysterectomies, accounting for 39 percent of
16 hysterectomies annually in the United States. Ap-
17 proximately 42 per 1,000 women are hospitalized
18 annually because of uterine fibroids, but Black pa-
19 tients have higher rates of hospitalization,
20 hysterectomies, and myomectomies compared to
21 White women. Uterine fibroids are also the leading
22 cause of hospitalization related to a gynecological
23 disorder.

24 (12) The personal and societal costs of uterine
25 fibroids in the United States are significant. Uterine

1 fibroid tumors have been estimated to cost the
2 United States \$5,900,000,000 to \$34,400,000,000
3 annually. The annual direct costs, including surgery,
4 hospital admissions, outpatient visits, and medica-
5 tions, were estimated at \$4,100,000,000 to
6 \$9,400,000,000 annually. Estimated lost work-hour
7 costs ranged from \$1,550,000,000 to
8 \$17,200,000,000 annually. Obstetric outcomes that
9 were attributed to fibroid tumors resulted in costs of
10 \$238,000,000 to \$7,760,000,000 annually.

11 (13) At the Federal level, uterine fibroid re-
12 search remains drastically underfunded as compared
13 to patient disease burden. In 2019, fibroid research
14 received about \$17,000,000 in funding from the Na-
15 tional Institutes of Health, putting it in the bottom
16 50 of 292 funded conditions.

17 **SEC. 3. RESEARCH WITH RESPECT TO UTERINE FIBROIDS.**

18 (a) RESEARCH.—The Secretary of Health and
19 Human Services (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
20 retary”) shall expand, intensify, and coordinate programs
21 for the conduct and support of research with respect to
22 uterine fibroids.

23 (b) ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION.—The
24 Secretary shall carry out the conduct and support of re-
25 search pursuant to subsection (a), in coordination with the

1 appropriate institutes, offices, and centers of the National
 2 Institutes of Health and any other relevant Federal agen-
 3 cy, as determined by the Director of the National Insti-
 4 tutes of Health.

5 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
 6 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
 7 to be appropriated \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years
 8 2026 through 2030.

9 **SEC. 4. RESEARCH WITH RESPECT TO MEDICAID COV-**
 10 **ERAGE OF UTERINE FIBROIDS TREATMENT.**

11 (a) RESEARCH.—The Secretary (or the Secretary’s
 12 designee) shall establish a research database, or expand
 13 an existing research database, to collect data on services
 14 furnished to individuals diagnosed with uterine fibroids
 15 under a State plan (or a waiver of such a plan) under
 16 the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Secu-
 17 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) or under a State child
 18 health plan (or a waiver of such a plan) under the Chil-
 19 dren’s Health Insurance Program under title XXI of such
 20 Act (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.) for the treatment of such
 21 fibroids for purposes of assessing the frequency at which
 22 such individuals are furnished such services.

23 (b) REPORT.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the date that
 25 is two years after the date of the enactment of this

1 Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report
2 on the amount of Federal and State expenditures
3 with respect to services furnished for the treatment
4 of uterine fibroids under State plans (or waivers of
5 such plans) under the Medicaid program under such
6 title XIX and State child health plans (or waivers of
7 such plans) under the Children's Health Insurance
8 Program under such title XXI.

9 (2) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall co-
10 ordinate the development and submission of the re-
11 port required under paragraph (1) with any other
12 relevant Federal agency, as determined by the Sec-
13 retary.

14 **SEC. 5. EDUCATION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION**
15 **WITH RESPECT TO UTERINE FIBROIDS.**

16 (a) UTERINE FIBROIDS PUBLIC EDUCATION PRO-
17 GRAM.—The Secretary shall develop and disseminate to
18 the public information regarding uterine fibroids, includ-
19 ing information on—

20 (1) the awareness, incidence, and prevalence of
21 uterine fibroids among individuals, including all mi-
22 nority individuals;

23 (2) the elevated risk for minority individuals to
24 develop uterine fibroids; and

1 (3) the availability, as medically appropriate, of
2 the range of treatment options for symptomatic
3 uterine fibroids, including non-hysterectomy treat-
4 ments and procedures.

5 (b) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—The Sec-
6 retary may disseminate information under subsection (a)
7 directly or through arrangements with intra-agency initia-
8 tives, nonprofit organizations, consumer groups, institu-
9 tions of higher education (as defined in section 101 of the
10 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)), or Fed-
11 eral, State, or local public private partnerships.

12 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
13 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
14 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for
15 each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

16 **SEC. 6. INFORMATION TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WITH**
17 **RESPECT TO UTERINE FIBROIDS.**

18 (a) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—The Sec-
19 retary shall, in consultation and in accordance with guide-
20 lines from relevant medical societies, work with health
21 care-related specialty societies and health systems to pro-
22 mote evidence-based care for individuals with fibroids.
23 Such efforts shall include minority individuals who have
24 an elevated risk to develop uterine fibroids and the range
25 of available options for the treatment of symptomatic uter-

1 ine fibroids, including non-hysterectomy drugs and devices
2 approved under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
3 Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.).

4 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
5 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
6 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for
7 each of the fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

8 **SEC. 7. DEFINITION.**

9 In this Act, the term “minority individuals” means
10 individuals who are members of a racial and ethnic minor-
11 ity group, as defined in section 1707(g) of the Public
12 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–6(g)).

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