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H. R. 4556

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to carry out a rapid response evidence review of proposed rules relating to fluoride, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2025

Mr. CLEAVER (for himself, Mr. FROST, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. BELL, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mrs. SYKES, and Ms. NORTON) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Our Treatment
3 for Enamel, Erosion, and Tooth Health Act” or the “Pro-
4 tect Our TEETH Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FLUORIDE IN DRINKING WATER.**

6 Section 1412(b)(12) of the Safe Drinking Water Act
7 (42 U.S.C. 300g–1(b)(12)) is amended by adding at the
8 end the following:

9 “(C) FLUORIDE.—

10 “(i) NATIONAL ACADEMIES RAPID RE-
11 SPONSE EVIDENCE REVIEW.—Prior to pub-
12 lishing in the Federal Register a proposed
13 rule to establish the maximum contami-
14 nant level goal for fluoride, or, in the na-
15 tional primary drinking water regulation
16 for fluoride, specify the maximum contami-
17 nant level for fluoride, the Administrator
18 shall—

19 “(I) seek to enter into an agree-
20 ment with the National Academies of
21 Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
22 to carry out a rapid response evidence
23 review of such proposed rule, which
24 agreement shall specify a timeline of
25 no fewer than 90 days and no more

1 than 180 days for carrying out such
2 rapid response evidence review;

3 “(II) provide the National Acad-
4 emies of Sciences, Engineering, and
5 Medicine with all data and other in-
6 formation being used to justify such
7 proposed rule; and

8 “(III) consider the results of any
9 such rapid response evidence review
10 with respect to such proposed rule.

11 “(ii) PUBLICATION.—The Adminis-
12 trator shall publish in the Federal Reg-
13 ister, as a part of any proposed rule under
14 this subparagraph, the entirety of the final
15 report of any rapid response evidence re-
16 view relating to such proposed rule.

17 “(iii) USE OF EXISTING FUNDS.—The
18 Administrator may use funds otherwise
19 available to the Administrator to carry out
20 this subparagraph.”.

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