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# H. R. 5970

To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance relating to reporting by agencies on Federal financial assistance programs that do not provide Federal financial assistance during the 1-year period preceding the date of the report.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Mr. CARL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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## 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 “Dormant Government  
5 Program Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GUIDANCE FOR AGENCIES.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—

1 (1) COVERED AGENCY.—The term “covered  
2 agency” means—

3 (A) an Executive agency, as defined in sec-  
4 tion 105 of title 5, United States Code; and

5 (B) an independent regulatory agency, as  
6 defined in section 3502 of title 44, United  
7 States Code.

8 (2) FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; PRO-  
9 GRAM.—The terms “Federal financial assistance”  
10 and “program” have the meaning given those terms  
11 in section 1122(a) of title 31, United States Code.

12 (3) RELEVANT REPORT.—The term “relevant  
13 report” means—

14 (A) a report described in section  
15 3516(a)(2) of title 31, United States Code; or

16 (B) the consolidated report described in  
17 section 3516(a)(1) of title 31, United States  
18 Code.

19 (b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
20 of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of  
21 Management and Budget shall issue guidance that re-  
22 quires the head of each covered agency to include, on an  
23 annual basis, in a relevant report—

24 (1) a list of each program and revolving fund  
25 of the covered agency that—

1 (A) provides Federal financial assistance;  
2 and

3 (B) did not provide Federal financial as-  
4 sistance during the 1-year period preceding the  
5 date of the report;

6 (2) an explanation of why each program or re-  
7 volving fund described in paragraph (1) did not  
8 award Federal financial assistance during the 1-year  
9 period preceding the date of the report; and

10 (3) the amount of budget authority available for  
11 each program or revolving fund described in para-  
12 graph (1).

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