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H. R. 8476

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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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 "Housing Inspections

5 Accountability Act".

6 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORTS AND DATABASE REGARDING**

7   **FAILED INSPECTIONS.**

8   (a) REPORTS.—

1   (1) CONTENTS.—Not later than the expiration

2 of the 12-month period beginning on the date of the

3 enactment of this Act and annually thereafter, the

4 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and

5 the Secretary of Agriculture shall jointly submit to

6 the Committee on Financial Services of the House of

7 Representatives and the Committee on Banking,

8 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate a re-

9 port—

10   (A) identifying—

11   (i) all inspections of covered prop-

12   erties conducted during the preceding 12

13   months that resulted in a failing or unsat-

14   isfactory score for the property;

15   (ii) the program under which such

16   property was assisted at the time of the in-

17   spection;

18   (iii) the defects and violations identi-

19   fied by the inspection and the status of re-

20   mediation with respect to such defects and

21   violations;

22   (iv) the number of households in such

23   properties on waiting lists to be moved to

24   a different unit, the reasons they need a

25   different unit, the duration that they have

1 been on such a waiting list, and the typical

2 duration before a household on such a

3 waiting list is moved to a different unit or

4 property; and

5 (v) the number of covered properties

6 with a failing score that have requested an

7 appeal and the share of covered properties

8 that were granted an appeal; and

9 (B) including such other information that

10 either such Secretary considers relevant.

11 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each Secretary identified

12 in paragraph (1) shall make the reports submitted

13 pursuant to such paragraph publicly available online

14 and shall ensure that the reports do not include any

15 personally identifiable information.

16 (3) COVERED PROPERTY.—For purposes of this

17 subsection, the term ''covered property'' means any

18 housing project that is provided rental assistance

19 under a rental assistance program administered by

20 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or

21 the Secretary of Agriculture.

22 (b) DATABASE.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the expira-

24 tion of the 12-month period beginning on the date

25 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries identi-

1   fied in subsection (a)(1) shall jointly develop, and

2   make publicly available online, a searchable database

3   that enables the public to search, find, and download

4   data regarding the inspection status and scores of

5   individual housing projects provided rental assist-

6   ance under a rental assistance program administered

7   by either such Secretary, information regarding de-

8   fects identified in individual housing projects, and

9   information regarding whether such defects have

10   been resolved.

11   (2) UPDATING.—The Secretaries identified in

12   subsection (a)(1) shall—

13   (A) update the information in the database

14   developed pursuant to paragraph (1) regularly

15   to reflect current information regarding the sta-

16   tus and inspection scores for individual housing

17   projects; and

18   (B) ensure that the database is updated

19   with any newly determined score for a project

20   not later than 30 days after such score is deter-

21   mined.

22   (3) PRIVACY PROTECTION.—The database de-

23   veloped pursuant to paragraph (1) shall not make

24   available any personally identifiable information.

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