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To establish the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Poverty which will create and carry out a national plan to cut poverty in America in half in ten years.

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Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Mr. STARK, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. BACA, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. BROWN of Florida, and Mr. KUCINICH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## A BILL

To establish the Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Poverty which will create and carry out a national plan to cut poverty in America in half in ten years.

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 “Half in Ten Act of  
5 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Poverty can be seen as a deep, structural  
2           problem that implicates our value system and our  
3           educational and economic institutions.

4           (2) Poverty may be defined as the lack of basic  
5           necessities of life such as food, shelter, clothing,  
6           health care, education, economic security, and eco-  
7           nomic opportunity.

8           (3) Policy initiatives and many safety net pro-  
9           grams addressing poverty have not kept pace with  
10          the needs of millions of Americans.

11          (4) The lack of an equitable distribution of  
12          housing choices across the country leads to isolation  
13          and concentrated poverty.

14          (5) The number of Americans living in poverty  
15          rose by over 2.6 million from 2009 to 2010 (U.S.  
16          Census Bureau, September 2011).

17          (6) There were 46.2 million Americans living in  
18          poverty in 2010, consisting of 15.1 percent of the  
19          American people (U.S. Census Bureau, September  
20          2011).

21          (7) Poverty has a disproportionate impact on  
22          minority communities in America with 27.4 percent  
23          of African-Americans, 26.6 percent of Hispanics,  
24          12.1 percent of Asian Americans, and 9.9 percent of

1 Whites living in poverty in the United States in  
2 2010 (U.S. Census Bureau, September 2011).

3 (8) In 2010 a family of 4 was considered poor  
4 under the U.S. Census Bureau's official measure if  
5 the family's income was below \$22,314.

6 (9) The economic consequences of poverty in  
7 the United States are estimated to be at least \$500  
8 billion per year (Center for American Progress,  
9 2007).

10 (10) Children who grow up in poverty experi-  
11 ence higher crime rates, decreased productivity, and  
12 higher health costs over their lives (Center for Amer-  
13 ican Progress, 2007).

14 (11) 3,500,000 seniors lived in poverty in 2010  
15 (U.S. Census Bureau, 2011).

16 (12) Young Americans, ages 18–24, experience  
17 a higher poverty rate than the national average  
18 (U.S. Census Bureau, 2011).

19 (13) 16,400,000 children lived in poverty in  
20 2010—more than one in every five American chil-  
21 dren (U.S. Census Bureau, 2011).

22 (14) Almost 35 percent of African-American  
23 children and over 30 percent of Hispanic children  
24 lived in poverty in 2009 (U.S. Census Bureau,  
25 2011).

1           (15) The 46,180,000 of Americans in poverty  
2           in 2010 was the largest number yet recorded in the  
3           52 years for which poverty estimates are available  
4           (U.S. Census Bureau, 2011).

5           (16) Children who live in families who fall into  
6           poverty for even short periods of time are at greater  
7           risk of a lifetime of lower earnings, lower edu-  
8           cational attainment, and increased reliance on public  
9           services and increased rates of incarceration (First  
10          Focus, 2008).

11          (17) It is estimated that the additional 3 mil-  
12          lion children who were forced into poverty due to the  
13          recession of 2008, resulted in \$35 billion in eco-  
14          nomic losses annually, and will cause at least \$1.7  
15          trillion in economic losses to the United States dur-  
16          ing their lifetimes (First Focus, 2008).

17          (18) Reducing poverty, especially child poverty,  
18          not only reduces costs for Federal, State, and local  
19          social services and benefits programs, but also in-  
20          creases tax revenue at all levels of government (Chil-  
21          dren's Defense Fund, 2009).

22          (19) The House of Representatives, on January  
23          22, 2008, has resolved that it is the sense of Con-  
24          gress that the United States should set a national

1 goal of cutting poverty in half over the next 10  
2 years.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “Federal  
6 agency” means any executive department, Govern-  
7 ment corporation, Government-controlled corpora-  
8 tion, or other establishment in the executive branch  
9 of the Government (including the Executive Office of  
10 the President), or any independent regulatory agen-  
11 cy.

12 (2) POVERTY.—The term “poverty” means an  
13 income level and living standard associated with and  
14 based on the official poverty measure as established  
15 and updated by the U.S. Census Bureau which es-  
16 tablishes a threshold of minimum income necessary  
17 to achieve a standard of living free from deprivation  
18 of basic needs.

19 (3) EXTREME POVERTY.—The term “extreme  
20 poverty” means having an income level or living  
21 standard at a level of extreme deprivation based on  
22 living with income below 50 percent of the Federal  
23 poverty line as established by the U.S. Census.

1           (4) NEAR POVERTY.—The term “near poverty”  
2 means having a level of household income below 200  
3 percent of the Federal poverty line.

4           (5) CHILD POVERTY.—The term “child pov-  
5 erty” means poverty which impacts those persons  
6 under 18 years of age.

7           (6) DEPRIVATION.—The term “deprivation”  
8 means lacking some or all basic human needs.

9           (7) DECENT LIVING STANDARD.—The term  
10 “decent living standard” means the amount of an-  
11 nual income that would allow an individual to live  
12 beyond deprivation at a safe and decent, but modest,  
13 standard of living.

14           (8) ALTERNATIVE POVERTY MEASURES.—The  
15 term “alternative poverty measures” means meas-  
16 ures and indicators, other than the traditional in-  
17 come based measure of poverty, which can provide a  
18 more detailed picture of the low-income and poverty  
19 stricken populations, such as the number of people  
20 who were kept above poverty by Government sup-  
21 ports, the number of people who are poor due to  
22 medical expenses, child care, and work expenses, the  
23 rates of food insecurity, the number of people who  
24 are asset poor (with less than three months of in-  
25 come saved), the number of disconnected youth, teen

1 birth rates, participation rates in Federal anti-pov-  
2 erty programs for all eligible populations, and the  
3 number of people who are unbanked.

4 (9) REGIONAL COSTS OF LIVING.—The term  
5 “regional costs of living” means a measure of the  
6 differing costs of maintaining a given living standard  
7 in varying regional, geographic, urban or rural re-  
8 gions.

9 (10) ECONOMIC INSECURITY.—The term “eco-  
10 nomic insecurity” means the inability of individuals  
11 and households to cope with routine adverse or cost-  
12 ly life events and the lack of means to maintain a  
13 decent standard of living and to recover from the  
14 costly consequences of those events.

15 (11) ECONOMIC STABILITY.—The term “eco-  
16 nomic stability” means individuals and households  
17 have access to the means and support systems nec-  
18 essary to effectively cope with adverse or costly life  
19 events and have the ability to effectively recover  
20 from the consequences of those events while main-  
21 taining their standard of living or maintaining a de-  
22 cent standard of living.

23 (12) DIGITAL DIVIDE.—The term “digital di-  
24 vide” means the gap between individuals, house-  
25 holds, businesses and geographic areas at different

1 socio-economic levels with regard to both their access  
2 information and communications technologies and  
3 including the imbalance both in physical access to  
4 technology and the resources, education and skills  
5 needed to effectively use computer technology and  
6 the Internet for a wide variety of activities.

7 (13) OUTCOMES.—The term “outcomes” means  
8 change in the economic status, economic instability  
9 or economic security of an individual, household or  
10 other population which is attributable to a planned  
11 intervention, benefit, or service or series of interven-  
12 tions, benefits, and services, regardless of whether  
13 such an intervention was intended to change such  
14 economic status.

15 (14) DISPARATE IMPACT.—The term “disparate  
16 impact” refers to the historic and ongoing impacts  
17 of the pattern and practice of discrimination in em-  
18 ployment, education, housing, banking and nearly  
19 every other aspect of American life in the economy,  
20 society or culture that have an adverse impact on  
21 minorities, women, or other protected groups, re-  
22 gardless of whether such practices were motivated by  
23 discriminatory intent.

1 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL INTERAGENCY**  
2 **WORKING GROUP ON REDUCING POVERTY.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL INTERAGENCY  
4 WORKING GROUP ON REDUCING POVERTY.—There is es-  
5 tablished within the Department of Health and Human  
6 Services, a Federal Interagency Working Group on Reduc-  
7 ing Poverty, which shall be chaired by the Secretary of  
8 Health and Human Services, and whose members shall be  
9 selected by their respective agency heads from the senior  
10 ranks of their agencies, which shall—

11 (1) develop, within 180 days of enactment, a  
12 National Plan or Strategy to reduce the number of  
13 persons living in poverty in America in half within  
14 10 years of the release of the 2011 Census report  
15 on Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage  
16 in the United States: 2010, that includes goals and  
17 objectives relating to—

18 (A) reducing in half the number of Ameri-  
19 cans living in poverty as reported by the 2011  
20 Census report on Income, Poverty and Health  
21 Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2010;

22 (B) eliminating child poverty in America;

23 (C) eliminating extreme poverty in Amer-  
24 ica;

25 (D) improving the effectiveness and out-  
26 comes of poverty related programs by improving

1 our understanding of the root causes of poverty,  
2 the social, economic, and the cultural contribu-  
3 tors to persistent intergenerational poverty;

4 (E) improving the measure of poverty to  
5 include more indicators and measures that can  
6 meaningfully account for other aspects relating  
7 to the measure of poverty, such as regional dif-  
8 ferences in costs of living, the impact of rising  
9 income inequality, the impact of the persistent  
10 “digital divide”, expanding the understanding  
11 of poverty by distinguishing a standard that  
12 measures a level of freedom from deprivation  
13 versus a standard that measures a standard of  
14 economic adequacy provided by a living wage  
15 and access to a decent living standard, and the  
16 impact of poverty on other measures of eco-  
17 nomic stability and economic outcomes, such as  
18 educational attainment, rates of incarceration,  
19 lifetime earnings, access to healthcare,  
20 healthcare outcomes, access to housing, and in-  
21 cluding other measures as necessary to improve  
22 our understanding of why poverty persists in  
23 America;

24 (F) eliminating the disparate rates of pov-  
25 erty based on race, ethnicity, gender, age, or

1 sexual orientation and identity, especially  
2 among children in those households so im-  
3 pacted;

4 (G) measuring effectiveness of poverty re-  
5 lated programs on the basis of long term out-  
6 comes, including the long term savings and  
7 value of preventive practice and policy, and em-  
8 ploying fact based measures of programs to  
9 make improvements;

10 (H) improving the accessibility of benefit  
11 and social services programs, reducing the com-  
12 plexity and difficulty of enrollment, and improv-  
13 ing the rates of enrollment in need based pro-  
14 grams for all eligible recipients to maximize the  
15 impact of benefits and social services programs  
16 on reducing the impacts of poverty and improv-  
17 ing economic outcomes;

18 (I) expanding eligibility to improve the co-  
19 ordination of service delivery, reduce gaps in  
20 eligibility, and improve outcomes of programs  
21 addressing poverty in the Federal Government;

22 (J) reducing the negative impact of asset  
23 limits on eligibility for Federal programs on the  
24 effectiveness of programs where limited eligi-  
25 bility creates gaps in necessary service and ben-

1           efit delivery, and in access which prevents needy  
2           beneficiaries from improving long term out-  
3           comes and achieving long term economic inde-  
4           pendence from need based programs;

5           (K) improving the access of poor, low-in-  
6           come, and the unemployed to good jobs with  
7           adequate wages and benefits;

8           (L) expanding and stabilizing poor and low  
9           income persons connection to work;

10          (M) developing a comprehensive strategy to  
11          connect low-income young people and to re-con-  
12          nect currently disconnected youth to education,  
13          work, and their community; and

14          (N) shifting the focus of poverty and  
15          human needs programs across the Federal Gov-  
16          ernment beyond the relief of deprivation to in-  
17          stead setting goals, measures, and outcomes re-  
18          lated to helping individuals and families rise up  
19          and out of poverty and achieving long term eco-  
20          nomic stability which will reduce long term  
21          costs in domestic social needs programs, reduce  
22          long term healthcare costs due to the improved  
23          health of formerly poverty stricken households,  
24          increase the number of tax paying individuals  
25          which will increase revenue, and lower the en-

1 rollment and costs in need based benefits and  
2 services programs, thus improving the economy  
3 and reducing long term deficits for Federal,  
4 State, and local governments;

5 (2) oversee, coordinate, and integrate all poli-  
6 cies and activities of the Federal Government, in co-  
7 ordination and consultation with the Domestic Pol-  
8 icy Council and the National Economic Council,  
9 across all agencies relating to reducing the number  
10 of individuals, families, and children living below the  
11 Federal poverty line, in extreme poverty or near pov-  
12 erty and increasing the number of households able  
13 to achieve long-term economic stability with assets  
14 sufficient to maintain a decent living standard with-  
15 out relying on public supports—

16 (A) economic, commercial, and pro-  
17 grammatic policies that can effect or relieve the  
18 effects of poverty through job creation, and eco-  
19 nomic development targeted to low income, mi-  
20 nority, rural, urban and other populations who  
21 suffer disparate rates of poverty, among Fed-  
22 eral agencies; and

23 (B) services and benefits including emer-  
24 gency programs, discretionary economic pro-  
25 grams, and other policies and activities nec-

1           essary to ensure that the Federal Government  
2           is able to mount effective responses to economic  
3           downturns and increases in the rates of poverty;  
4           (3) ensure that all relevant Federal agencies  
5           and congressional committees comply with appro-  
6           priate guidelines, policies, and directives from the  
7           Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing  
8           Poverty and the Department of Health and Human  
9           Services and other Federal agencies with responsibil-  
10          ities relating to poverty reduction or improving eco-  
11          nomic stability and independence;

12          (4) ensure that Federal agencies have access to,  
13          receive, and appropriately disseminate best practices  
14          in the administration of programs, have adequate re-  
15          sources to maximize the public awareness of pro-  
16          grams, increase the reach of those programs, espe-  
17          cially into historically disenfranchised communities,  
18          maximize enrollment for all eligible Americans, share  
19          relevant data, and issue relevant guidance in con-  
20          sultation with non-government organizations and  
21          policy experts in the field and State and local gov-  
22          ernment officials who administer or direct policy for  
23          anti-poverty programs in increasing and maximizing  
24          the enrollment into and administration of programs  
25          and services designed to alleviate poverty; and

1           (5) enact best practices for improved data col-  
2           lection, relevant to—

3                   (A) reducing poverty;

4                   (B) reducing the racial, ethnic, age, gen-  
5                   der, and sexual orientation or sexual identity  
6                   based disparities in the rates of poverty;

7                   (C) the effectiveness and efficiency of pro-  
8                   grams;

9                   (D) streamlining enrollment and eligibility  
10                  for programs;

11                  (E) improving long term outcomes for pro-  
12                  grams;

13                  (F) reducing reliance on public programs;

14                  (G) improving connections to work;

15                  (H) improving economic stability;

16                  (I) improving savings and investment, ac-  
17                  cess to capital, increasing rates of entrepreneur-  
18                  ship;

19                  (J) improving access to living wage em-  
20                  ployment; and

21                  (K) improving access to employment based  
22                  benefits.

23           (b) DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL POVERTY POLICY.—

24   There shall be a Staff Director of National Poverty Policy,

1 who shall be the head of the Federal Interagency Working  
2 Group on Reducing Poverty.

3 **SEC. 5. APPOINTMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DI-**  
4 **RECTOR.**

5 (a) APPOINTMENT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Staff Director shall be  
7 appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human  
8 Services.

9 (2) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Secretary shall ap-  
10 point the Staff Director from among individuals who  
11 have demonstrated ability and knowledge in social  
12 policy, improving outcome based management, issues  
13 of equity and equal opportunity and access to serv-  
14 ices and economic opportunity.

15 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Staff Director shall—

16 (1) advise the Secretary and all relevant cabinet  
17 secretaries, and agency officials regarding the estab-  
18 lishment of policies, goals, objectives, and priorities  
19 for reducing poverty in America in half in ten years,  
20 ending child poverty, ending extreme poverty and  
21 eliminating racial, ethnic, gender, and sexual iden-  
22 tity and orientation based disparities in the rates of  
23 poverty;

24 (2) advise the Secretary, relevant cabinet secre-  
25 taries, heads of independent Federal agencies and

1 other entities within the Executive Office of the  
2 President regarding mechanisms to improve the ef-  
3 fectiveness, coordination, impact, and outcomes of  
4 social services, benefits, and other poverty reduction  
5 and economic opportunity programs, in collaboration  
6 with experts in the field, non-governmental organiza-  
7 tions, and other governments;

8 (3) work with Federal agencies to oversee, co-  
9 ordinate, and integrate the implementation of the  
10 National Plan or Strategy, including consultation  
11 with independent non-governmental policy experts  
12 and service provider groups engaged in serving low-  
13 income persons, children and households, State and  
14 local government officials who administer or direct  
15 policy for anti-poverty programs, and with as many  
16 groups that directly represent low-income people,  
17 such as public housing tenants' associations, or  
18 other similar groups; and

19 (4) resolve any disputes that arise between Fed-  
20 eral agencies relating to the National Plan to reduce  
21 poverty in half in ten years or other matters within  
22 the responsibility of the Office.

23 **SEC. 6. CONSULTATION.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director may consult and ob-  
25 tain recommendations from, as needed, such Presidential

1 and other advisory entities such as consultation with inde-  
2 pendent non-governmental policy experts and service pro-  
3 vider groups engaged in serving low-income persons, chil-  
4 dren, and households; State and local government officials  
5 who administer or direct policy for anti-poverty programs,  
6 and groups made up of low-income people, such as public  
7 housing tenants' associations, or other similar groups as  
8 the Director determines will assist in carrying out the mis-  
9 sion of the Office, including—

- 10 (1) the Administration for Children and Fami-  
11 lies (ACF);
- 12 (2) the Administration on Aging (AoA);
- 13 (3) the Department of Agriculture (USDA);
- 14 (4) the Bankruptcy Courts;
- 15 (5) the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protec-  
16 tion;
- 17 (6) the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA);
- 18 (7) the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA);
- 19 (8) the Bureau of the Census;
- 20 (9) the Center for Nutrition Policy and Pro-  
21 motion;
- 22 (10) the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Serv-  
23 ices (formerly the Health Care Financing Adminis-  
24 tration);
- 25 (11) the Commission on Civil Rights;

- 1           (12) the Office of Community Planning and  
2           Development;
- 3           (13) the Consumer Financial Protection Bu-  
4           reau;
- 5           (14) the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Jus-  
6           tice and Delinquency Prevention;
- 7           (15) the Corporation for National and Commu-  
8           nity Service;
- 9           (16) the Council of Economic Advisers;
- 10          (17) the Department of Agriculture (USDA);
- 11          (18) the Department of Commerce (DOC);
- 12          (19) the Department of Defense (DOD);
- 13          (20) the Department of Education (ED);
- 14          (21) the Department of Health and Human  
15          Services (HHS);
- 16          (22) the Department of Housing and Urban  
17          Development (HUD);
- 18          (23) the Department of Justice (DOJ);
- 19          (24) the Department of Labor (DOL);
- 20          (25) the Department of the Treasury;
- 21          (26) the Department of Transportation (DOT);
- 22          (27) the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA);
- 23          (28) the Disability Employment Policy Office;
- 24          (29) the Domestic Policy Council;

- 1           (30) the Drug Enforcement Administration  
2           (DEA);
- 3           (31) the Economic Development Administra-  
4           tion;
- 5           (32) the Economic Research Service;
- 6           (33) the English Language Acquisition Office;
- 7           (34) the Equal Employment Opportunity Com-  
8           mission (EEOC);
- 9           (35) the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity;
- 10          (36) the Federal Bureau of Prisons;
- 11          (37) the Federal Housing Finance Board;
- 12          (38) the Federal Labor Relations Authority;
- 13          (39) the Federal Trade Commission (FTC);
- 14          (40) the Food and Nutrition Service;
- 15          (41) the Indian Health Service;
- 16          (42) the Interagency Council on Homelessness;
- 17          (43) the Internal Revenue Service (IRS);
- 18          (44) the Legal Services Corporation;
- 19          (45) the National AIDS Policy Office;
- 20          (46) the National Credit Union Administration;
- 21          (47) the National Economic Council;
- 22          (48) the National Institutes of Health (NIH);
- 23          (49) the National Labor Relations Board;
- 24          (50) the Occupational Safety & Health Admin-  
25          istration (OSHA);

1           (51) the Office of Management and Budget  
2           (OMB);

3           (52) the Office of Refugee Resettlement;

4           (53) the Office of Policy Development and Re-  
5           search (Housing and Urban Development Depart-  
6           ment);

7           (54) the Small Business Administration (SBA);

8           (55) the Social Security Administration (SSA);

9           (56) the Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
10          Services Administration;

11          (57) the Veterans' Employment and Training  
12          Service; and

13          (58) the Women's Bureau (Labor Department).

14          (b) NATIONAL STRATEGY.—In developing and updat-  
15          ing the National Strategy the Executive Director shall  
16          consult with the Domestic Policy Council, the National  
17          Economic Council, and, as appropriate, hold regional pub-  
18          lic hearings around the country to collect information and  
19          feedback from the public on their efforts and experience  
20          for the development and updating of the National Strategy  
21          and make this information available to the public.

22          **SEC. 7. REPORTS TO CONGRESS AND THE PUBLIC.**

23          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Chair of the Federal Inter-  
24          agency Working Group on Reducing Poverty shall submit  
25          an annual report to the appropriate congressional commit-

1 tees describing the activities, ongoing projects, and plans  
2 of the Federal Government designed to meet the goals and  
3 objectives of the National Strategy on Poverty. The report  
4 shall include an accounting of the savings to the Govern-  
5 ment from any increased efficiencies in the delivery of  
6 services, any savings from reducing the numbers of Ameri-  
7 cans living in poverty and reductions in the demand for  
8 need based services and benefits for which persons living  
9 in and near poverty are eligible, as well as an accounting  
10 of any increase in revenue collections due to the numbers  
11 of persons who become gainfully employed and pay taxes  
12 into the Treasury instead of drawing benefits and services  
13 from it.

14 (b) NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WORK-  
15 SHOP.—Within 90 days after funds are made available to  
16 carry out this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human  
17 Services shall contract with the National Academy of  
18 Sciences (hereinafter in this subsection referred to as the  
19 “NAS”) to initiate a workshop series to provide necessary  
20 background information to enable the Working Group on  
21 Reducing Poverty to develop and finalize its plan.

22 (1) The NAS shall convene a steering com-  
23 mittee to organize, plan, and conduct a public work-  
24 shop on what is known about the economic and so-

1       cial costs of poverty, including, but not limited to  
2       the following:

3               (A) Macroeconomic costs (effects on pro-  
4               ductivity and economic output).

5               (B) Health costs (effects on health expend-  
6               itures and health status).

7               (C) Crime and other social costs.

8               (D) Direct federal budget effects (e.g., out-  
9               lays for income support and other poverty re-  
10              duction programs).

11              (E) The workshop shall also consider pov-  
12              erty metrics (e.g., income poverty, food insecu-  
13              rity, and other measures of deprivation), and  
14              their role in assessing the effects of poverty and  
15              the performance of anti-poverty programs.

16       The NAS shall commission experts to prepare pa-  
17       pers that summarize and critique the relevant lit-  
18       erature estimating monetary and non-monetary eco-  
19       nomic and social impacts of poverty. A workshop  
20       summary shall be produced that, along with the pa-  
21       pers, shall be available electronically on the NAS  
22       website. This workshop shall be convened within 6  
23       months of receipt of a contract, the papers posted  
24       immediately, and the summary released by the end  
25       of month.

1           (2) The NAS steering committee shall organize,  
2           plan, and conduct a second public workshop on what  
3           is known about the economic and social costs and  
4           benefits of a variety of programs and strategies to  
5           reduce and prevent poverty. It shall take account of  
6           such issues as the following:

7                   (A) Short-term versus long-term effects,  
8                   including budget implications.

9                   (B) Effects for different population  
10                  groups, such as children, the elderly, immi-  
11                  grants, long-term single-parent families, dis-  
12                  placed older workers, young people with large  
13                  loans, people in areas of concentrated poverty  
14                  and other social ills (e.g., Indian reservations,  
15                  some inner city areas, some rural areas).

16                  (C) Effects by depth of poverty and near-  
17                  poverty (e.g., income to poverty ratios of less  
18                  than 50 percent, less than 100 percent, less  
19                  than 200 percent).

20           This second workshop shall be convened within 9  
21           months of receipt of a contract, the papers posted  
22           immediately, and a summary released by the end of  
23           month 12.

1           (c) REPORT.—The relevant sections of the report  
2 shall be posted on each agency’s website on the plans and  
3 impacts specific to their agency.

4           (d) PUBLIC REPORT.—A version of each report sub-  
5 mitted under this section shall be made available to the  
6 public.

7           (e) LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE.—The Working Group  
8 on Reducing Poverty shall submit, as necessary, legislative  
9 language, including specific legislative recommendations to  
10 the Congress of the United States towards achieving the  
11 national goals.

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