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To establish the Interagency Task Force to Address Hunger and Promote Access to Healthy Food Among Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Senior Nutrition Task
5 Force Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.**

7 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

1 (1) DISABILITY.—The term “disability” has the
2 meaning given the term in section 3 of the Ameri-
3 cans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
4 12102).

5 (2) OLDER PERSON.—The term “older person”
6 has the meaning given the term “older individual”
7 in section 102 of the Older Americans Act of 1965
8 (42 U.S.C. 3002).

9 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary of Agriculture.

11 (4) TASK FORCE.—The term “Task Force”
12 means the task force established by subsection (b).

13 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a task
14 force, to be known as the “Interagency Task Force to Ad-
15 dress Hunger and Promote Access to Healthy Food
16 Among Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities”.

17 (c) MEMBERS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The members of the Task
19 Force shall be the following:

20 (A) The Secretary (or a designee).

21 (B) The Secretary of Health and Human
22 Services (or a designee).

23 (C) The Secretary of Transportation (or a
24 designee).

1 (D) The Administrator of the Food and
2 Nutrition Service (or a designee).

3 (E) The Administrator of the Administra-
4 tion for Community Living (or a designee).

5 (F) The Administrator for Independent
6 Living within the Administration for Commu-
7 nity Living (or a designee).

8 (G) The Administrator of the Health Re-
9 sources and Services Administration (or a des-
10 ignee).

11 (H) The Secretary of Housing and Urban
12 Development (or a designee).

13 (I) The Commissioner of the Social Secu-
14 rity Administration (or a designee).

15 (J) The Assistant Secretary for Planning
16 and Evaluation (or a designee).

17 (K) The Director of the Centers for Dis-
18 ease Control and Prevention (or a designee).

19 (L) The Assistant Secretary for Mental
20 Health and Substance Use (or a designee).

21 (M) The Surgeon General (or a designee).

22 (N) The Deputy Administrator for Medi-
23 care and Medicaid Innovation (or a designee).

1 (O) The Director of the Office on Nutri-
2 tion Research of the National Institutes of
3 Health (or a designee).

4 (P) The Director of the Indian Health
5 Service (or a designee).

6 (Q) The head of any other relevant Fed-
7 eral department or agency, as determined ap-
8 propriate by the Secretary, and appointed by
9 the President.

10 (R) At least 2 older persons, appointed by
11 the President, who are recipients of Federal nu-
12 trition benefits, as determined by the President.

13 (S) At least 2 adults with disabilities, ap-
14 pointed by the President, who are recipients of
15 Federal nutrition benefits, as determined by the
16 President.

17 (T) At least 2 members of grandfamilies or
18 kinship families, appointed by the President,
19 who are recipients of Federal nutrition benefits,
20 as determined by the President.

21 (U) At least 1 representative, appointed by
22 the President, from a national older adult nutri-
23 tion organization.

24 (V) At least 1 representative, appointed by
25 the President, from a national organization that

1 addresses hunger among adults with disabil-
2 ities.

3 (W) At least 1 representative, appointed by
4 the President, from a national antihunger orga-
5 nization.

6 (2) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of the
7 Task Force shall be the Secretary (or a designee).

8 (3) VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The Vice Chairperson
9 of the Task Force shall be the Administrator of the
10 Administration for Community Living (or a des-
11 ignee).

12 (d) DUTIES.—The duties of the Task Force shall be
13 the following:

14 (1) Identify, promote, coordinate, and dissemi-
15 nate information and resources and other available
16 best practices—

17 (A) to address hunger, food insecurity, and
18 malnutrition among older adults and adults
19 with disabilities; and

20 (B) to increase access to healthy foods.

21 (2) Measure and evaluate progress in—

22 (A) addressing hunger, food insecurity,
23 and malnutrition among older adults and adults
24 with disabilities; and

1 (B) increasing access to healthy, afford-
2 able, and local or regional food for older adults
3 and adults with disabilities.

4 (3) Examine interagency opportunities—

5 (A) to collaboratively address hunger, food
6 insecurity, and malnutrition among older adults
7 and adults with disabilities; and

8 (B) to promote access to healthy, afford-
9 able, and local or regional food for older adults
10 and adults with disabilities.

11 (4) Examine challenges to interagency efforts to
12 carry out subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph
13 (3).

14 (e) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2026,
15 the Task Force shall submit to Congress a report that
16 describes—

17 (1) best practices for addressing hunger, food
18 insecurity, and malnutrition and promoting access to
19 healthy, affordable, and local or regional food among
20 older adults and adults with disabilities;

21 (2) recommendations to support interagency ef-
22 forts to address hunger, food insecurity, and mal-
23 nutrition and promote access to healthy, affordable,
24 and local or regional food among older adults and
25 adults with disabilities;

1 (3) existing barriers to promoting interagency
2 collaboration to address hunger, food insecurity, and
3 malnutrition and access to healthy, affordable, and
4 local or regional food among older adults and adults
5 with disabilities; and

6 (4) innovative practices to address hunger, food
7 insecurity, and malnutrition and promote access to
8 healthy, affordable, and local or regional food among
9 older adults and adults with disabilities.

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