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H. R. 10439

To amend the Public Health Service Act to expand research and education with respect to endometrial cancer, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2024

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia (for himself 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Endometrial Cancer
5 Research and Education Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Endometrial cancer is cancer of the lining
9 of the uterus (or endometrium) and is the most com-
10 mon form of uterine cancer.

1 (2) Endometrial cancer is the fourth most com-
2 mon cancer diagnosed in women, after breast, lung,
3 and colon cancer.

4 (3) Endometrial cancer mainly affects post-
5 menopausal women, with most women diagnosed be-
6 tween age 55 and 64.

7 (4) Women with polycystic ovary syndrome
8 (PCOS) and uterine leiomyoma have an increased
9 risk of developing endometrial cancer.

10 (5) Unlike most other types of cancer, the inci-
11 dence of endometrial cancer, particularly aggressive
12 subtypes of such cancer, has been increasing in the
13 United States among all women, particularly among
14 African-American and Asian women, with a 2.5 an-
15 nual percent change for both groups.

16 (6) In comparison to non-Hispanic White
17 women, African-American women have significantly
18 higher incidence rates of aggressive endometrial can-
19 cers.

20 (7) Such incidence rates for Hispanic and Asian
21 women are equal to or lower than such incidence
22 rates for non-Hispanic White women.

23 (8) Although non-Hispanic White women are
24 more likely to be diagnosed with endometrial cancer

1 in comparison to African-American women, the rate
 2 of mortality is higher for African-American women.

3 (9) Currently, the cause of such disparity is un-
 4 known. Researchers are proposing investigative stud-
 5 ies that link this disparity to the relationship be-
 6 tween delays in care, aggressive late-stage diagnosis,
 7 and the time between diagnosis and beginning treat-
 8 ment protocol for their cancer type. These factors
 9 are often exacerbated by socioeconomic conditions
 10 that affect access to innovative treatment, treatment
 11 completion, patient-reported outcomes, and overall
 12 quality of life.

13 **SEC. 3. EXPANDING RESEARCH AND EDUCATION WITH RE-**
 14 **SPECT TO ENDOMETRIAL CANCER.**

15 (a) NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.—Part B of
 16 title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284
 17 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

18 **“SEC. 409K. ENDOMETRIAL CANCER.**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall—

20 “(1) expand, intensify, and coordinate programs
 21 to conduct and support research with respect to
 22 endometrial cancer;

23 “(2) communicate to medical professionals and
 24 researchers, including through the endometrial can-
 25 cer public education program established under sec-

1 tion 399V–8, the disparity in the diagnosis of
2 endometrial cancer between African-American
3 women and non-Hispanic White women and any new
4 research relating to endometrial cancer; and

5 “(3) ensure that all clinical trials conducted or
6 supported by the National Institutes of Health with
7 respect to endometrial cancer include at least 1 par-
8 ticipant who is an African-American woman.

9 “(b) COORDINATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTES.—
10 The Director of NIH shall coordinate activities carried out
11 by the Director pursuant to subsection (a) with similar
12 activities carried out by—

13 “(1) the Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriv-
14 er National Institute of Child Health and Human
15 Development;

16 “(2) the Director of the National Institute on
17 Minority Health and Health Disparities; and

18 “(3) the Director of the Office of Research on
19 Women’s Health.

20 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
21 purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized
22 to be appropriated \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2025
23 through 2027.”.

24 (b) CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVEN-
25 TION.—Part P of title III of the Public Health Service

1 Act (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at
2 the end the following:

3 **“SEC. 399V-8. ENDOMETRIAL CANCER PUBLIC EDUCATION**
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
6 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
7 vention, shall develop and disseminate to the public infor-
8 mational materials on endometrial cancer, including the
9 incidence rate of such cancer, the risk factors for devel-
10 oping such cancer, the increased risk for ethnic minority
11 women to develop such cancer, and the range of available
12 treatments for such cancer. Any informational material
13 developed pursuant to the previous sentence may be trans-
14 mitted to a nonprofit organization; institution of higher
15 education; Federal, State, or local agency; or media entity
16 for purposes of disseminating such material to the public.

17 “(b) INCLUSION.—The informational materials under
18 subsection (a) shall include materials targeted toward Af-
19 rican-American women.

20 “(c) CONSULTATION.—In developing and dissemi-
21 nating informational materials under subsection (a), the
22 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
23 tion shall consult with the Administrator of the Health
24 Resources and Services Administration.

1 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
2 purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized
3 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for
4 each of fiscal years 2025 through 2027.”.

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