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H. R. 4914

To provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BERA, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. CHU, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENG, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. UNDERWOOD, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) 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 “South Asian Heart
5 Health Awareness and Research Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. HEART HEALTH PROMOTION GRANTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
3 Human Services, acting through the Director of the Cen-
4 ters for Disease Control and Prevention, may award sup-
5 plemental grant funds to States receiving Federal funding
6 for heart health activities. Such supplemental funds shall
7 be used to promote awareness of the increasing prevalence
8 of heart disease, including, where appropriate, its relation-
9 ship to type 2 diabetes, in communities disproportionately
10 affected by heart disease, such as South Asian commu-
11 nities in the United States.

12 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—A State that receives supple-
13 mental grant funds under subsection (a) shall use such
14 grant funds to—

15 (1) develop culturally appropriate materials on
16 evidence-based heart health promotion topics, such
17 as nutrition education, optimal diet plans, and pro-
18 grams for regular exercise;

19 (2) support heart health promotion activities of
20 community organizations that work with or serve
21 communities disproportionately affected by heart
22 disease, such as South Asian communities in the
23 United States;

24 (3) support, with respect to research conducted
25 relating to heart disease, conferences and workshops
26 on how practices, methodologies, and designs of such

1 research should be changed to include in such re-
2 search more members of communities disproportion-
3 ately affected by heart disease, such as South Asian
4 communities in the United States; or

5 (4) conduct or support research and related ac-
6 tivities regarding cardiovascular disease, type 2 dia-
7 betes, and other heart health-related ailments among
8 at-risk populations, including South Asian commu-
9 nities in the United States.

10 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years
11 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
12 Health and Human Services shall submit to the Com-
13 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the
14 Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
15 the House of Representatives a report on activities sup-
16 ported under subsection (a) and data relating to heart dis-
17 ease in communities disproportionately affected by heart
18 disease.

19 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For pur-
20 poses of carrying out this section, there is authorized to
21 be appropriated \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
22 through 2028.

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