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To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to increase early detection of and intervention for uterine fibroids, and for other purposes.

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Ms. BROWN (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. HAYES, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. LIEU, Mr. FROST, Ms. STEVENS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CASAR, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. CARSON, and Ms. BUDZINSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to increase early detection of and intervention for uterine fibroids, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Uterine Fibroid Inter-
3 vention and Gynecological Health Treatment Act of
4 2024”.

5 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH ON UTERINE FIBROID EARLY DETEC-**
6 **TION AND INTERVENTION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services (in this Act referred to as the “Sec-
9 retary”) shall—

10 (1) conduct or support research on increasing
11 early detection of, and intervention for, uterine
12 fibroids; and

13 (2) based on the results of such research and
14 other relevant information, formulate evidence-based
15 or evidence-informed strategies to increase early de-
16 tection in health care settings.

17 (b) TIMELINE.—The Secretary shall finalize the evi-
18 dence-based or evidence-informed strategies required by
19 subsection (a)(2) as expeditiously as possible in order to
20 make such strategies available to grantees under section
21 3 to implement such strategies pursuant to section
22 3(b)(3).

23 **SEC. 3. GRANTS WITH RESPECT TO UTERINE FIBROID**
24 **EARLY DETECTION AND INTERVENTION.**

25 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
26 Human Services (in this Act referred to as the “Sec-

1 retary”) may award grants to States for carrying out pro-
2 grams—

3 (1) to increase early detection of and interven-
4 tion for uterine fibroids; and

5 (2) to develop and implement public awareness
6 and education campaigns for the early detection and
7 intervention of uterine fibroids.

8 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—A State receiving a grant under
9 this section may use the grant, with respect to increasing
10 early detection of and intervention for uterine fibroids, for
11 the following activities:

12 (1) Screening procedures, including advanced
13 gynecological imaging (including payment therefor).

14 (2) Patient navigation services.

15 (3) Implementation of evidence-based or evi-
16 dence-informed strategies proven to increase early
17 detection in health care settings.

18 (4) Facilitating access to health care settings.

19 (c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
20 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to States proposing
21 to carry out a program in a geographic areas in which
22 there are socially vulnerable populations with elevated risk
23 of uterine fibroid development.

1 **SEC. 4. RESEARCH WITH RESPECT TO UTERINE FIBROID**
2 **EARLY DETECTION AND INTERVENTION.**

3 The Secretary may award grants to conduct research,
4 which may include clinical trials, related to—

5 (1) disparities in pain control and management
6 in uterine fibroid surgical treatment; or

7 (2) Asherman's Syndrome, intrauterine adhe-
8 sions, and other intrauterine conditions as deter-
9 mined appropriate by the Secretary.

10 **SEC. 5. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

11 (a) **REPORTS ON GRANTS.**—Not later 2 years after
12 the initial award of grants under this Act, and every 2
13 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Con-
14 gress, and make publicly available on the appropriate
15 website of the Department of Health and Human Services,
16 a report summarizing the findings and results of programs
17 and activities funded through grants under this Act.

18 (b) **REPORT ON RESEARCH DEVELOPMENTS.**—Not
19 later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act,
20 and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit
21 to the Congress, and make publicly available on the appro-
22 priate website of the Department of Health and Human
23 Services, a report outlining research developments and
24 findings related to—

25 (2) disparities in pain control and management
26 in uterine fibroid surgical treatment; and

- 1 (3) Asherman's Syndrome, intrauterine adhe-
- 2 sions, and other intrauterine conditions as deter-
- 3 mined appropriate by the Secretary.

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