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119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. _____

To amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act with respect to
the definition of homeless individual, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GIMENEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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with respect to the definition of homeless individual, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Women’s and Family
5 Protection Act of 2025”.

1 **TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO**
2 **HOMELESSNESS DEFINITIONS**

3 **SEC. 101. DEFINITIONS.**

4 (a) Section 103(a)(5) of the McKinney-Vento Home-
5 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at
7 the end; and

8 (2) by inserting at the end the following:

9 “(D) may reside in indigenous, rural or
10 marginalized communities as defined by the
11 Secretary; and”.

12 (b) Section 103(a)(6) of the McKinney-Vento Home-
13 less Assistance Act is amended—

14 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
15 by striking “unaccompanied”;

16 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at
17 the end;

18 (3) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period
19 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

20 (4) by inserting at the end the following:

21 “(D) may reside in indigenous, rural or
22 marginalized communities as defined by the
23 Secretary.”.

1 (c) Section 103(b) of the of the McKinney-Vento
2 Homeless Assistance Act is amended by adding at the end
3 the following:

4 “Within the domestic violence definition, the Secretary
5 shall specifically include women, women with children, sur-
6 vivors and other persons at risk of gender-based violence
7 as a recognized term and subpopulation as that term is
8 currently defined in applicable Federal statute and regula-
9 tions.”.

10 **TITLE II—WOMEN’S AND FAMI-**
11 **LIES’ EMERGENCY SHELTER**
12 **PROGRAM**

13 **SEC. 201. EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM SET-**
14 **ASIDE.**

15 Section 412 of the of the McKinney-Vento Homeless
16 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11372) is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 **“SEC. 412. GRANT ASSISTANCE.**

19 “(a) GRANT ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall make
20 grants to private nonprofit organizations defined in sub-
21 section (b) for the purpose of carrying out the activities
22 described in subsection (c).

23 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The Secretary shall make
24 direct grants to private nonprofit organizations as defined
25 in 42 U.S.C. 11360 serving high needs populations includ-

1 ing women and children who are homeless and pregnant,
2 chronically homeless person, families children and youth,
3 victims of gendered-based violence or trauma, and other
4 special needs populations defined by the Secretary includ-
5 ing seniors and other homeless persons with a history of
6 gender-based violence or trauma; in accordance with Sec-
7 tion 101 of this Act.

8 “(c) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Assistance provided
9 under subsection (a) may be used for the following activi-
10 ties:

11 “(1) Operating costs defined in 42 U.S.C.
12 11360.

13 “(2) Outpatient services, including mental
14 health, substance use, and related services defined in
15 42 U.S.C. 11360.

16 “(3) Supportive services including childcare,
17 employment services, case management, food, child
18 and family therapy and trauma counseling and vic-
19 tim services defined in 42 U.S.C. 11360.

20 “(4) Housing relocation and stabilization serv-
21 ices for homeless persons or families or individuals
22 at risk of homelessness.

23 “(5) Such other services as the Secretary may
24 designate.

1 “(d) APPLICATION.—An eligible private nonprofit or-
2 ganization defined in subsection (b) above seeking a grant
3 under subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary an ap-
4 plication at such time, in such manner, and containing
5 such information as the Secretary may require.

6 “(e) EVALUATION.—A private nonprofit organization
7 seeking a grant under this title shall prepare and submit
8 an evaluation of activities carried out with funds received
9 under such grant to the Secretary at such time, in such
10 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary
11 may reasonably require, including a process and outcome
12 evaluation. At a minimum, such evaluation shall include—

13 “(1) an unduplicated count of the number of
14 women, children, seniors, victims of gender-based vi-
15 olence and other special needs populations receiving
16 services under the grant;

17 “(2) an unduplicated count of the number of
18 homeless individuals and families receiving house re-
19 location and stabilization services;

20 “(3) an unduplicated count of the number of in-
21 dividuals placed in transitional or permanent hous-
22 ing; and

23 “(4) information on coordination between the
24 recipients of grants under subsection (a) and State,
25 local and Tribal entities; victims of violence Con-

1 tinuum of Care collaborative; and solo applicants;
2 under 42 U.S.C. Subchapter IV Part C.

3 “(f) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall
4 make available technical assistance to private nonprofit or-
5 ganizations on the special needs of victims and survivors
6 of gender-based violence including best practice trauma in-
7 formed service delivery, staff training, recruitment and re-
8 tention techniques and state of art coordination activities
9 with Part B and Part C entities, and applying for and
10 obtaining funding for the Department of Housing and
11 Urban Development, the Department of Health and
12 Human Services, and related social services programs op-
13 erated by State, county or local governments.”.