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To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize Johanna’s Law,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. ISSA, and Ms. CROCKETT) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Johanna’s Law, 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 “Johanna’s Law Reau-
5 thorization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF**
7 **JOHANNA’S LAW.**

8 Section 317P(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 247b–17(d)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(D) Activities under the national cam-
4 paign under subparagraph (A) shall include
5 public service announcements using traditional
6 or digital media under subparagraph (C) tar-
7 geted to specific higher-risk populations of
8 women based on race, ethnicity, level of accul-
9 turation, and family history, including the Afri-
10 can-American and Ashkenazi Jewish popu-
11 lations.”; and

12 (2) by amending paragraph (6) to read as fol-
13 lows:

14 “(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
15 For the purpose of carrying out this subsection,
16 there is authorized to be appropriated \$45,000,000
17 for the period of fiscal years 2024 through 2026.”.

18 **SEC. 3. DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING OUT-**
19 **REACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES RELAT-**
20 **ING TO GYNECOLOGIC CANCER.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 317P(d) of the Public
22 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–17(d)) is amended
23 by inserting after paragraph (4) the following new para-
24 graph:

1 “(5) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING
2 OUTREACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

4 “(i) PROGRAM.—The Secretary may
5 carry out a program to award grants or
6 contracts to public or nonprofit private en-
7 tities for the purpose of carrying out dem-
8 onstration projects to test, compare, and
9 evaluate different evidence-based outreach
10 and education strategies to increase the
11 awareness and knowledge of women and
12 health care providers with respect to
13 gynecologic cancers, including with respect
14 to early warning signs, risk factors, pre-
15 vention, screening, and treatment options.
16 Such strategies shall include efforts di-
17 rected at women and their families, physi-
18 cians, nurses, and key health professionals.

19 “(ii) SCIENCE-BASED RESOURCES.—

20 In making awards under subparagraph
21 (A), the Secretary shall encourage award-
22 ees to use science-based resources such as
23 the Inside Knowledge About Gynecologic
24 Cancer education campaign of the Centers
25 for Disease Control and Prevention.

1 “(B) PREFERENCES IN AWARDING GRANTS
2 OR CONTRACTS.—In making awards under sub-
3 paragraph (A), the Secretary shall give pref-
4 erence to—

5 “(i) applicants with demonstrated ex-
6 pertise in gynecologic cancer education or
7 treatment or in working with groups of
8 women who are at increased risk of
9 gynecologic cancers; and

10 “(ii) applicants that, in the dem-
11 onstration project funded by the grant or
12 contract, will establish linkages between
13 physicians, nurses, and key health profes-
14 sionals, health profession students, hos-
15 pitals, payers, and State health depart-
16 ments.

17 “(C) APPLICATION.—To seek a grant or
18 contract under subparagraph (A), an entity
19 shall submit an application to the Secretary in
20 such form, in such manner, and containing such
21 agreements, assurances, and information as the
22 Secretary determines to be necessary to carry
23 out this paragraph.

1 “(D) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—In mak-
2 ing awards under subparagraph (A), the Sec-
3 retary shall—

4 “(i) make awards, as practicable, to
5 not fewer than five applicants; and

6 “(ii) ensure that information provided
7 through demonstration projects under this
8 paragraph is consistent with the best avail-
9 able medical information.

10 “(E) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later
11 than 24 months after the date of the enactment
12 of this paragraph, and annually thereafter, the
13 Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report
14 that—

15 “(i) summarizes the activities of dem-
16 onstration projects under subparagraph
17 (A);

18 “(ii) evaluates the extent to which the
19 projects were effective in increasing aware-
20 ness and knowledge of risk factors and
21 early warning signs in the populations to
22 which the projects were directed; and

23 “(iii) identifies barriers to early detec-
24 tion and appropriate treatment of such
25 cancers.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
2 317P(d)(3)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42
3 U.S.C. 247b–17(d)(3)(A)) is amended by inserting
4 “(other than paragraph (5))” after “this section”.

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