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H. R. 8493

To establish the Task Force to Stop Price Gouging, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2024

Ms. CRAIG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish the Task Force to Stop Price Gouging, 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 “Task Force to Stop
5 Price Gouging Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. TASK FORCE TO STOP PRICE GOUGING.**

7 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established a task
8 force (to be known as the “Task Force to Stop Price

1 Gouging”) to address unfair and illegal pricing issues af-
2 fecting consumers in the United States.

3 (b) MEMBERS.—The task force established by sub-
4 section (a) shall be comprised of the following:

5 (1) Representatives of the Department of Jus-
6 tice, appointed by the Attorney General.

7 (2) Representatives of the Federal Trade Com-
8 mission, appointed by the Chair of the Commission.

9 (3) Representatives of the Department of Agri-
10 culture, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

11 (c) DUTIES.—The task force established by sub-
12 section (a) shall carry out the following:

13 (1) Investigate, and publish legislative rec-
14 ommendations with respect to, actions to—

15 (A) strengthen interagency efforts to ad-
16 dress anti-competitive, unfair, deceptive, or
17 fraudulent business practices that increase
18 prices for families in the United States;

19 (B) prevent consolidation in the food sec-
20 tor; and

21 (C) counteract food price manipulation
22 throughout the supply chain.

23 (2) Not later than 180 days after the date of
24 the enactment of this Act, and every 90 days there-
25 after, submit to Congress a report that—

1 (A) describes interagency efforts to ad-
2 dress anti-competitive, unfair, deceptive, or
3 fraudulent business practices that increase
4 prices for families in the United States;

5 (B) describes the effect of Federal Govern-
6 ment spending on food prices;

7 (C) describes actions taken to streamline
8 Federal Government spending with respect to
9 the food sector to strengthen the supply chain
10 and support families in the United States; and

11 (D) analyzes input costs with respect to
12 producers, manufacturers, and retailers.

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