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To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to study and report on the relationship between hair straighteners and uterine cancer, particularly among women of color.

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Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself, Ms. BROWN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. ADAMS, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. McCLELLAN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mr. TONKO) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Uterine Cancer Study
3 Act of 2024”.

4 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAIR**
5 **STRAIGHTENERS AND UTERINE CANCER.**

6 (a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of Health and Human
7 Services, in coordination with the Commissioner of Food
8 and Drugs and the Director of the National Institutes of
9 Health, shall conduct a study on the relationship between
10 hair straighteners and uterine cancer, with a focus on the
11 increased incidence of such cancer among women of color.
12 Such study shall—

13 (1) review significant findings and recommenda-
14 tions from other studies regarding the relationship
15 between hair straighteners and uterine cancer;

16 (2) consider impacts on women and other indi-
17 viduals at risk of uterine cancer from all racial and
18 ethnic backgrounds;

19 (3) disaggregate the results of the study under
20 this section according to whether the hair straight-
21 eners contain dyes or coloring, bleach, highlights, or
22 perms; and

23 (4) determine whether the Food and Drug Ad-
24 ministration should impose additional testing re-
25 quirements on the manufacturers of hair straight-

1 ening products to ensure the safety of such prod-
2 ucts.

3 (b) **METHODOLOGY.**—Not later than 45 days after
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
5 mit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
6 House of Representatives and the Committee on Health,
7 Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a descrip-
8 tion of the methodology that will be used to conduct the
9 study under this section.

10 (c) **COMMENCEMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after
11 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall com-
12 mence the study under this section.

13 (d) **REPORT.**—Not later than 2 years after the date
14 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete the
15 study under this section and submit to the Committee on
16 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives
17 and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
18 Pensions of the Senate a report on the results of such
19 study.

20 (e) **DEFINITION.**—In this section:

21 (1) The term “hair straightener” means a
22 chemical hair straightener.

23 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
24 of Health and Human Services.

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