

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 4459

To amend the CARES Act to modify the membership requirements of the Congressional Oversight Commission.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 5, 2020

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “CARES Congressional  
5 Oversight Commission Diversity Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The COVID–19 pandemic is having signifi-  
9 cantly disparate health and economic impacts on  
10 various populations.

1           (2) According to the Centers for Disease Con-  
2           trol and Prevention, long-standing systemic health  
3           and social inequities have put some members of ra-  
4           cial and ethnic minority groups at increased risk of  
5           getting COVID–19, regardless of age.

6           (3) Non-Hispanic American Indian and Alaska  
7           Native individuals have an infection rate approxi-  
8           mately 5 times that of non-Hispanic White individ-  
9           uals.

10          (4) Non-Hispanic Black individuals have an in-  
11          fection rate of approximately 5 times that of non-  
12          Hispanic White individuals.

13          (5) Hispanic and Latino individuals have an in-  
14          fection rate of approximately 4 times that of non-  
15          Hispanic White individuals.

16          (6) According the Household Pulse Survey, 6 in  
17          10 Hispanic individuals were in households that lost  
18          some employment income over the 3-month period  
19          between March and June of 2020. During that same  
20          time period, more than 50 percent of Black, multira-  
21          cial, and individuals of other races were in house-  
22          holds with employment income loss.

23          (7) The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis  
24          surveyed leadership representing Tribal govern-  
25          ments, Tribal enterprises, and other Tribal organiza-

1        tions. In that survey, over 30 percent of Tribal en-  
2        terprises reported they had to lay off or furlough 80  
3        to 100 percent of their workforce at the time of the  
4        survey.

5        **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.**

6        Section 4020(c)(1) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C.  
7        9055(c)(1)) is amended—

8                (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
9        by striking “5” and inserting “9”;

10               (2) in subparagraphs (A) through (D), strike  
11        “1” each place the term appears and insert “2”; and

12               (3) by adding at the end the following:

13                        “(F) At least 1 of the 2 members ap-  
14        pointed under each of subparagraphs (A)  
15        through (D) shall be from a group that has  
16        been disproportionately negatively impacted by  
17        the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID–19) pan-  
18        demic of 2020 and the economic recession re-  
19        sulting from the pandemic.”.

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