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H. R. ______

To require the Secretaries of Housing and Urban Development and Agriculture to submit annual reports to the Congress regarding dwelling units in assisted housing that fail property inspections, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. ____________ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ________

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A BILL

To require the Secretaries of Housing and Urban Development and Agriculture to submit annual reports to the Congress regarding dwelling units in assisted housing that fail property inspections, 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 “Housing Inspections
5 Accountability Act of 2022”.

January 28, 2022 (4:36 p.m.)
SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORTS AND DATABASE REGARDING FAILED INSPECTIONS.

(a) REPORTS.—

(1) CONTENTS.—Not later than the expiration of the 12-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture shall jointly submit to the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate a report—

(A) identifying—

(i) all inspections of covered dwelling units conducted during the preceding 12 months that resulted in a failing or unsatisfactory score for the dwelling unit;

(ii) the program under which such dwelling unit was assisted at the time of the inspection;

(iii) the defects and violations identified by the inspection and the status of remediation with respect to such defects and violations; and

(iv) the number of households in such dwelling units on waiting lists to be moved
to a different unit, the reasons they need
a different unit, the duration that they
have been on such a waiting list, and the
typical duration before a household on
such a waiting list is moved to a different
unit; and

(B) including such other information that
either such Secretary considers relevant.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each Secretary identified
in paragraph (1) shall make the reports submitted
pursuant to such paragraph publicly available online
and shall ensure that the reports do not include any
personally identifiable information.

(3) COVERED DWELLING UNIT.—For purposes
of this subsection, the term “covered dwelling unit”
means any dwelling unit provided rental assistance
under a rental assistance program administered by
the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or
the Secretary of Agriculture.

(b) DATABASE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the expiration
of the 12-month period beginning on the date
of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries identi-
fied in subsection (a)(1) shall jointly develop, and
make publicly available online, a searchable database
that enables the public to search, find, and download
data regarding the inspection status and scores of
individual housing projects provided rental assistance under a rental assistance program administered
by either such Secretary, information regarding de-
fects identified in individual housing projects, and
information regarding whether such defects have
been resolved.

(2) UPDATE.—The Secretaries identified in
subsection (a)(1) shall—

(A) update the information in the database
developed pursuant to paragraph (1) regularly
to reflect current information regarding the sta-
tus and inspection scores for individual housing
projects; and

(B) ensure that the database is updated
with any newly determined score for a project
not later than 30 days after such score is deter-
mined.

(3) PRIVACY PROTECTION.—The database de-
developed pursuant to paragraph (1) shall not make
available any personally identifiable information.