

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

**117-49**

**OFFERED BY MS. GARCIA OF TEXAS**

Add at the end the following:

1 **TITLE VI—STUDYING BARRIERS**  
2 **TO HOUSING**

3 **SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the “Studying Barriers to  
5 Housing Act”.

6 **SEC. 602. GAO STUDY AND REPORT ON REDUCING HOME-**  
7 **LESSNESS THROUGH PUBLIC HOUSING AND**  
8 **SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE.**

9 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United  
10 States shall conduct a study to identify any barriers that  
11 limit the ability of a public housing agency in attempting  
12 to provide housing assistance under the Public Housing  
13 and Housing Choice Voucher programs under title I of  
14 the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437  
15 et seq.) for populations experiencing homelessness, which  
16 shall include—

17 (1) identification of any laws, regulations, and  
18 any other notices or guidance pertaining to—

1 (A) waiting lists, documentation require-  
2 ments, or tenant screening that effect the abil-  
3 ity of a public housing agency to accept persons  
4 and families experiencing homelessness into the  
5 public housing or voucher program; and

6 (B) funding formulas and performance  
7 measures that may penalize public housing  
8 agencies trying to serve persons and families  
9 experiencing homelessness;

10 (2) analyzing and determining the effect of the  
11 limitation under section 8(o)(13)(B) of the United  
12 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.  
13 1437f(o)(13)(B); relating to the maximum amount  
14 of housing voucher assistance that a public housing  
15 agency may use for project-based assistance) has on  
16 the ability of public housing agencies to serve per-  
17 sons and families experiencing homelessness; and

18 (3) identification of barriers to fair housing and  
19 the coordination of Federal housing assistance and  
20 homelessness funds, including outreach and mar-  
21 keting of such funds, to affirmatively further fair  
22 housing for protected classes under the Fair Hous-  
23 ing Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) that are  
24 disproportionately experiencing homelessness.

1           (b) REPORT.—Not later than the expiration of the  
2 12-month period beginning on the date of the enactment  
3 of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit a report  
4 to the Congress describing the study conducted pursuant  
5 to subsection (a) and setting forth the results and conclu-  
6 sions of the study.

