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Page 1714, after line 2, insert the following new section:

SEC. 60016. GAO STUDY OF HOUSING NEEDS OF POPULATIONS AT HIGHER RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—No later than the expiration of the 1-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall identify and analyze the housing infrastructure needs of populations at higher risk of homelessness, and shall submit a report to the Congress recommending regulatory, policy, and practice changes that would ensure that Federal agencies better reduce and prevent homelessness and housing instability faced by populations at higher risk of homelessness.

(b) POPULATION AT HIGHER RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, the term “population at higher risk of homelessness” means a group of persons that is defined by a com-
mon characteristic and that has been found to experience homelessness, housing instability, or to be cost-burdened at a rate higher than that of the general public.

(2) **HIGHER RATE.**—Information that may be used in demonstrating such a higher rate includes data generated by the Federal Government, by State or municipal governments, by peer-reviewed research, and by organizations having expertise in working with or advocating on behalf of homeless, housing unstable, or cost-burdened groups.

(3) **INCLUDED POPULATIONS.**—Such term shall include populations for which such higher rate has already been demonstrated, including Asian, Black, Latino, Native American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander and other communities of color; persons with disabilities, including mental health disabilities, elderly persons, foster and former foster youth; LGBTQ persons, gender non-binary and gender non-conforming persons, justice system-involved persons, survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other intimate partner violence, and veterans.