

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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

1 **SEC. 60016. GAO STUDY OF HOUSING NEEDS OF POPU-**
2 **LATIONS AT HIGHER RISK OF HOMELESS-**
3 **NESS.**

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

14 (b) POPULATION AT HIGHER RISK OF HOMELESS-
15 NESS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section,
17 the term “population at higher risk of homelessness”
18 means a group of persons that is defined by a com-

1 mon characteristic and that has been found to expe-
2 rience homelessness, housing instability, or to be
3 cost-burdened at a rate higher than that of the gen-
4 eral public.

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

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

