SEC. 13402. REPORT ON AFFORDABILITY, DISCRIMINATION
AND CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, AND DATA
COLLECTION.

(a) Study.—

(1) In general.—The Comptroller General shall conduct a study on water and sewer services, in accordance with this section.

(2) Affordability.—In conducting the study under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General shall study water affordability nationwide, including—

(A) rates for water and sewer services, increases in such rates during the ten-year period preceding such study, and water service disconnections and interruptions due to unpaid water service charges; and

(B) the effectiveness of funding under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–12) and under title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.) for promoting affordable, equi-
Table, transparent, and reliable water and sewer service.

(3) Discrimination and Civil Rights.—In conducting the study under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General, in collaboration with the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, shall study—

(A) discriminatory practices of water and sewer service providers; and

(B) violations by such service providers that receive Federal assistance of civil rights under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) with regard to equal access to water and sewer services.

(4) Data Collection.—In conducting the study under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General shall collect information, assess the availability of information, and evaluate the methodologies used to collect information, related to—

(A) people living without water or sewer services;

(B) water service disconnections or interruptions due to unpaid water service charges, including disconnections experienced by households containing children, elderly persons, dis-
abled persons, or chronically ill persons, or
other vulnerable populations; and

(C) disparate effects, on the basis of race,
gender, or socioeconomic status, of water serv-

ice disconnections or interruptions and the lack
of public water and sewer service.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date

of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller shall submit
to Congress a report that contains—

(1) the results of the study conducted under

subsection (a); and

(2) recommendations for water and sewer serv-

ice providers, Federal agencies, and States relating
to such results.