AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MRS. LAWRENCE OF MICHIGAN

Page 1854, after line 18, insert the following:

(g) Report on Affordability, Discrimination, and Civil Rights Violations, and Data Collection.—

(1) Study.—

(A) In general.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study on water and sewer services, in accordance with this subsection.

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

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

(ii) the effectiveness of funding under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water
Act and under section 601 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act for promoting affordable, equitable, transparent, and reliable water and sewer service.

(C) **DISCRIMINATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS.**—

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

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

(ii) violations by such service providers that receive Federal assistance of civil rights under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with regard to equal access to water and sewer services.

(D) **DATA COLLECTION.**—In conducting the study under paragraph (1), the Comptroller shall collect information, assess the availability of information, and evaluate the methodologies used to collect information, related to—

(i) people living without water or sewer services;

(ii) water service disconnections due to unpaid water service charges, including
disconnections experienced by households containing children, elderly persons, disabled persons, chronically ill persons, or other vulnerable populations; and

(iii) disparate effects, on the basis of race, gender, or socioeconomic status, of water service disconnections and the lack of public water service.

(2) 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—

(A) the results of the study conducted under subsection (a)(1); and

(B) recommendations for utility companies, Federal agencies, and States relating to such results.