

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-33
OFFERED BY MS. SLOTKIN OF MICHIGAN

Strike section 501 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 501. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON TOXIC EXPO-**
2 **SURE RESEARCH.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 73 of
4 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new section:

6 **“§ 7330D. Interagency working group on toxic expo-**
7 **sure research**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—(1) The Secretary shall es-
9 tablish the Toxic Exposure Research Working Group (in
10 this section referred to as the ‘Working Group’).

11 “(2) The Working Group shall consist of employees,
12 selected by the Secretary, of the following:

13 “(A) The Department.

14 “(B) The Department of Defense.

15 “(C) The Department of Health and Human
16 Services.

17 “(D) The Environmental Protection Agency.

18 “(E) Other Federal entities involved in research
19 activities regarding the health consequences of toxic

1 exposures experienced during active military, naval,
2 air, or space service.

3 “(b) FUNCTIONS.—The Working Group shall per-
4 form the following functions:

5 “(1) Identify collaborative research activities
6 and resources available among entities represented
7 by members of the Working Group to conduct such
8 collaborative research activities.

9 “(2) Develop a 5-year strategic plan for Federal
10 entities represented in the Working Group to carry
11 out collaborative research activities.

12 “(c) REPORTING.—The Secretary shall submit, to the
13 Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House
14 of Representatives, the following:

15 “(1) Not later than one year after the date of
16 the enactment of the Act, a report on the establish-
17 ment of the Working Group under subsection (a).

18 “(2) Not later than two years after the date of
19 enactment of the Act, a report containing the col-
20 laborative research activities identified, and the
21 Strategic Plan developed, by the Working Group,
22 under subsection (b).

23 “(3) Annually during the 5-year period covered
24 by the strategic plan under subsection (b), a

1 progress reports on implementation of the Strategic
2 Plan under subsection (b).

3 “(d) TERMINATION.—The Working Group shall ter-
4 minate after submitting the final report under subsection
5 (c).

6 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

7 “(1) The term ‘Act’ means the Honoring our
8 Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of
9 2021.

10 “(2) The term ‘collaborative research activity’
11 means a research activity—

12 “(A) conducted by an entity represented by
13 a member of the Working Group;

14 “(B) funded by the Federal Government;
15 and

16 “(C) regarding the health consequences of
17 toxic exposures experienced during active mili-
18 tary, naval, air, or space service.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
20 at the beginning of such subchapter is amended by insert-
21 ing after the item relating to section 7330C the following
22 new item:

“7330D. Interagency working group on toxic exposure research.”.

23 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Veterans
24 Affairs shall establish the Working Group under section

1 7330D of such title, as added by subsection (a), not later
2 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act

