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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lead Abatement for  
3 Families Act of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. LEAD ABATEMENT FOR FAMILIES.**

5 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF LEAD WATER SERVICE  
6 LINES.—

7 (1) REVIEW.—The Secretary of Housing and  
8 Urban Development, in consultation with public  
9 housing agencies, owners of other federally assisted  
10 housing, and the Administrator of the Environ-  
11 mental Protection Administration shall, not later  
12 than the expiration of the 24-month period begin-  
13 ning upon the date of the enactment of this Act, un-  
14 dertake and complete a review of all public housing  
15 projects and all other federally assisted housing  
16 projects to identify any such projects for which the  
17 source of potable water is a lead-based water service  
18 pipe or pipes.

19 (2) REPORT.—Upon completion of the review  
20 required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall  
21 submit a report to the Congress setting forth the re-  
22 sults of the review and identifying any projects for  
23 which the source of potable water is a lead-based  
24 water service pipe or pipes.

25 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make  
2           grants to public housing agencies and owners of  
3           other federally assisted housing to cover the eligible  
4           costs of fully removing and replacing lead-based  
5           water service pipes for housing projects identified  
6           pursuant to the review under subsection (a) or oth-  
7           erwise identified by the Secretary.

8           (2) ELIGIBLE COSTS.—Amounts from a grant  
9           under this subsection may be used only for costs of  
10          fully removing and replacing a lead-based water  
11          service pipe for a housing project.

12          (3) ASSURANCES.—The Secretary shall require  
13          each public housing agency and owner of other fed-  
14          erally assisted housing receiving a grant under this  
15          subsection for a housing project to make such assur-  
16          ances and enter into such agreements as the Sec-  
17          retary considers necessary to ensure that—

18                 (A) the lead-based water service pipes for  
19                 the project that will be fully removed and re-  
20                 placed using such grant amounts are identified;  
21                 and

22                 (B) all work to fully remove and replace  
23                 such pipes is completed before the expiration of  
24                 the 24-month period beginning upon the initial

1           availability to the agency or owner of such  
2           grant amounts.

3           (4) LIMITATION ON AMOUNTS.—The amount of  
4           grant under this subsection with respect to a hous-  
5           ing project may not exceed the estimate of the Sec-  
6           retary of the full cost of removing and replacing the  
7           lead-based water service pipes for the project identi-  
8           fied pursuant to paragraph (3)(A).

9           (c) FINAL REPORT.—Upon the expiration of the 6-  
10          year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this  
11          Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report  
12          identifying the housing projects for which lead-based  
13          water service pipes were removed and replaced using  
14          grants under subsection (b) and analyzing the effective-  
15          ness of the program for such grants.

16          (d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the  
17          following definitions shall apply:

18               (1) HOUSING PROJECT.—The term “housing  
19               project” means a public housing project or a project  
20               that is other federally assisted housing.

21               (2) OTHER FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING.—  
22               The term “other federally assisted housing” has the  
23               meaning given the term “federally assisted housing”  
24               in section 683 of the Housing and Community De-  
25               velopment Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13641), except

1 that such term does not include any public housing  
2 project described in paragraph (2)(A) of such sec-  
3 tion.

4 (3) LEAD-BASED WATER SERVICE PIPE.—The  
5 term “lead-based water service pipe” means, with re-  
6 spect to a housing project, a pipe or other conduit  
7 that—

8 (A) is used to supply potable water for the  
9 housing project from outside the project; and

10 (B) does not satisfy the definition of “lead-  
11 free” established under section 1417 of the Safe  
12 Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300g–6).

13 (4) PUBLIC HOUSING.—The term “public hous-  
14 ing” has the meaning given such term in section  
15 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42  
16 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

17 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
18 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

19 (e) RULES; GUIDANCE.—The Secretary, after con-  
20 sultation with the Administrator of the Environmental  
21 Protection Administration, may issue any interpretative  
22 rules or guidance necessary to carry out this section.

23 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
24 authorized to be appropriated for grants under subsection  
25 (b)—

- 1 (1) \$90,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;
- 2 (2) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2023; and
- 3 (3) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.