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To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to carry out a national campaign to increase awareness and knowledge of the virus that causes COVID–19.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2020

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. MENG, Mr. PAPPAS, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. SHALALA, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, and Mr. MFUME) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “How Awareness and
5 Prevention Protect You Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVID-19 PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
4 Human Services, acting through the Director of the Cen-
5 ters for Disease Control and Prevention, shall carry out
6 a national awareness campaign to increase factual aware-
7 ness and knowledge of the virus that causes COVID-19.

8 (b) CONTENT.—The campaign under subsection (a)
9 shall—

10 (1) create awareness of the signs and symptoms
11 of the virus that causes COVID-19, including trans-
12 mission with respect to an asymptomatic individual;

13 (2) provide scientific information on the trans-
14 mission and detection of the virus that causes
15 COVID-19, including—

16 (A) the differences (including degrees of
17 risk) between transmission through droplets,
18 aerosolization, and inanimate objects;

19 (B) the risk of contracting the virus that
20 causes COVID-19 at health care facilities and
21 other facilities that treat individuals with
22 COVID-19;

23 (C) the benefits of health care workers
24 using personal protective equipment;

25 (D) the tests used to determine if an indi-
26 vidual—

1 (i) has been infected by the virus that
2 causes COVID–19; and

3 (ii) is infected by such virus at the
4 time of the test; and

5 (E) the strategies used by Federal, State,
6 and local governments to reduce the trans-
7 mission of COVID–19;

8 (3) provide strategies for preventing trans-
9 mission of COVID–19 in the home and at work, in-
10 cluding best practices with respect to—

11 (A) wearing and removing face masks, face
12 coverings, and gloves;

13 (B) physical distancing in outdoor and in-
14 door spaces;

15 (C) disinfecting surfaces with appropriate
16 cleaning products; and

17 (D) isolating a household member who is
18 suspected or confirmed of contracting COVID–
19 19; and

20 (4) improve public understanding with respect
21 to how an infectious disease develops into a public
22 health threat, including—

23 (A) the need for a vaccine and method of
24 treatment;

1 (B) factors that contribute to the trans-
2 mission of an infectious disease in the popu-
3 lation; and

4 (C) factors that may contribute to sci-
5 entific uncertainty with respect to the trans-
6 mission of an infectious disease.

7 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out subsection (a),
8 the Secretary shall—

9 (1) ensure the campaign under subsection (a)—

10 (A) contains multilingual and culturally
11 appropriate information and distribution strate-
12 gies;

13 (B) contains information that is updated
14 on a monthly basis; and

15 (C) is targeted toward communities and
16 populations that are at a high risk of con-
17 tracting COVID–19 (as determined by the Sec-
18 retary); and

19 (2) partner with community- and faith-based
20 organizations.

21 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
22 are authorized to be appropriated \$130,000,000 for each
23 of fiscal years 2021 through 2023.

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