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S. 2360

To establish an Interagency Collaborative and Innovation Pilot Program to Address Hunger and Promote Access to Healthy Food Among Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 18, 2023

Mr. CASEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Tools for Ensuring
5 Access to Meals Act” or the “TEAM Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY COLLABORATIVE AND INNOVATION**
2 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 Section 201 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
4 U.S.C. 3011) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(h)(1) In this subsection:

7 “(A) The term ‘Center’ means the Research,
8 Demonstration, and Evaluation Center for the Aging
9 Network described in subsection (g).

10 “(B) The term ‘Director’ means the Director of
11 the Center.

12 “(2) The Director shall establish, in fiscal year 2024,
13 an Interagency Collaborative and Innovation Pilot Pro-
14 gram to Address Hunger and Promote Access to Healthy
15 Food Among Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities
16 (referred to in this subsection as the ‘pilot program’).

17 “(3) The Director shall carry out the pilot program
18 through the Center.

19 “(4) The Director shall carry out the pilot program
20 to address hunger among, including promoting access to
21 healthy food for, older individuals and adults with disabil-
22 ities by—

23 “(A) implementing best practices for addressing
24 food insecurity, including by promoting access to
25 healthy, affordable, and local or regional food among
26 older individuals and adults with disabilities;

1 “(B) seeking recommendations from Federal
2 agencies about how to support interagency collabora-
3 tion to address food insecurity;

4 “(C) implementing innovative practices to ad-
5 dress food insecurity; and

6 “(D) evaluating the impact of subparagraphs
7 (A) through (C) on addressing food insecurity.

8 “(5) In carrying out the pilot program, the Director
9 shall provide funding for demonstration projects, evalua-
10 tion, and research related to the activities referred to in
11 paragraph (4).

12 “(6) In addition to any other funds appropriated for
13 the Center, there is authorized to be appropriated for the
14 Center, to carry out this subsection, \$5,000,000 for each
15 of fiscal years 2024 through 2028. Funds appropriated
16 under this paragraph shall remain available until ex-
17 pended.”.

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