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To establish the Interagency Task Force to Address Hunger and Promote Access to Healthy Food Among Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASEY (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Senior Nutrition Task
5 Force Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.**

7 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

1 (1) DISABILITY.—The term “disability” has the
2 meaning given the term in section 3 of the Ameri-
3 cans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
4 12102).

5 (2) OLDER PERSON.—The term “older person”
6 has the meaning given the term “older individual”
7 in section 102 of the Older Americans Act of 1965
8 (42 U.S.C. 3002).

9 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary of Agriculture.

11 (4) TASK FORCE.—The term “Task Force”
12 means the task force established by subsection (b).

13 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a task
14 force, to be known as the “Interagency Task Force to Ad-
15 dress Hunger and Promote Access to Healthy Food
16 Among Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities”.

17 (c) MEMBERS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The members of the Task
19 Force shall be the following:

20 (A) The Secretary (or a designee).

21 (B) The Secretary of Health and Human
22 Services (or a designee).

23 (C) The Secretary of Transportation (or a
24 designee).

1 (D) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs (or
2 a designee).

3 (E) The Administrator of the Food and
4 Nutrition Service (or a designee).

5 (F) The Administrator of the Administra-
6 tion for Community Living (or a designee).

7 (G) The Administrator for Independent
8 Living within the Administration for Commu-
9 nity Living (or a designee).

10 (H) The Administrator of the Health Re-
11 sources and Services Administration (or a des-
12 ignee).

13 (I) The Secretary of Housing and Urban
14 Development (or a designee).

15 (J) The Commissioner of the Social Secu-
16 rity Administration (or a designee).

17 (K) The Assistant Secretary for Planning
18 and Evaluation (or a designee).

19 (L) The Director of the Centers for Dis-
20 ease Control and Prevention (or a designee).

21 (M) The Assistant Secretary for Mental
22 Health and Substance Use (or a designee).

23 (N) The Surgeon General (or a designee).

24 (O) The Deputy Administrator for Medi-
25 care and Medicaid Innovation (or a designee).

1 (P) The Director of the Office on Nutri-
2 tion Research of the National Institutes of
3 Health (or a designee).

4 (Q) The Director of the Indian Health
5 Service (or a designee).

6 (R) The Administrator of the Federal
7 Emergency Management Agency (or a des-
8 ignee).

9 (S) The head of any other relevant Federal
10 department or agency, as determined appro-
11 priate by the Secretary, and appointed by the
12 President.

13 (T) At least 2 older persons, appointed by
14 the President, who are recipients of Federal nu-
15 trition benefits, as determined by the President.

16 (U) At least 2 adults with disabilities, ap-
17 pointed by the President, who are recipients of
18 Federal nutrition benefits, as determined by the
19 President.

20 (V) At least 2 members of grandfamilies or
21 kinship families, appointed by the President,
22 who are recipients of Federal nutrition benefits,
23 as determined by the President.

1 (W) At least 1 representative, appointed by
 2 the President, from a national older adult nutri-
 3 tion organization.

4 (X) At least 1 representative, appointed by
 5 the President, from a national organization that
 6 addresses hunger among adults with disabil-
 7 ities.

8 (Y) At least 1 representative, appointed by
 9 the President, from a national antihunger orga-
 10 nization.

11 (2) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of the
 12 Task Force shall be the Secretary (or a designee).

13 (3) VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The Vice Chairperson
 14 of the Task Force shall be the Administrator of the
 15 Administration for Community Living (or a des-
 16 ignee).

17 (d) DUTIES.—The duties of the Task Force shall be
 18 the following:

19 (1) Identify, promote, coordinate, and dissemi-
 20 nate information and resources and other available
 21 best practices—

22 (A) to address hunger, food insecurity, and
 23 malnutrition among older adults and adults
 24 with disabilities; and

25 (B) to increase access to healthy foods.

1 (2) Measure and evaluate progress in—

2 (A) addressing hunger, food insecurity,
3 and malnutrition among older adults and adults
4 with disabilities; and

5 (B) increasing access to healthy, afford-
6 able, and local or regional food for older adults
7 and adults with disabilities.

8 (3) Examine interagency opportunities—

9 (A) to collaboratively address hunger, food
10 insecurity, and malnutrition among older adults
11 and adults with disabilities;

12 (B) to promote access to healthy, afford-
13 able, and local or regional food for older adults
14 and adults with disabilities; and

15 (C) to foster participation across Federal
16 nutrition services.

17 (4) Examine challenges to interagency efforts to
18 carry out subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph
19 (3).

20 (e) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2026,
21 the Task Force shall submit to Congress a report that
22 describes—

23 (1) best practices for addressing hunger, food
24 insecurity, and malnutrition and promoting access to

1 healthy, affordable, and local or regional food among
2 older adults and adults with disabilities;

3 (2) recommendations to support interagency ef-
4 forts to address hunger, food insecurity, and mal-
5 nutrition and promote access to healthy, affordable,
6 and local or regional food among older adults and
7 adults with disabilities;

8 (3) existing barriers to promoting interagency
9 collaboration to address hunger, food insecurity, and
10 malnutrition and access to healthy, affordable, and
11 local or regional food among older adults and adults
12 with disabilities; and

13 (4) innovative practices to address hunger, food
14 insecurity, and malnutrition and promote access to
15 healthy, affordable, and local or regional food among
16 older adults and adults with disabilities.

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