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2D SESSION

S. 5095

To establish a pilot program to address hunger among older individuals
and adults with disabilities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

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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individuals and adults with disabilities.

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”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY COLLABORATIVE AND INNOVATION**

7 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

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

1 “(h)(1) In this subsection:

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

5 “(B) The term ‘Director’ means the Director of
6 the Center.

7 “(2) The Director shall establish, in fiscal year 2026,
8 an Interagency Collaborative and Innovation Pilot Pro-
9 gram to Address Hunger and Promote Access to Healthy
10 Food Among Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities
11 (referred to in this subsection as the ‘pilot program’).

12 “(3) The Director shall carry out the pilot program
13 through the Center.

14 “(4) The Director shall carry out the pilot program
15 to address hunger among, including promoting access to
16 healthy food for, older individuals and adults with disabili-
17 ties by—

18 “(A) implementing best practices for addressing
19 food insecurity, including by promoting access to
20 healthy, affordable, and local or regional food among
21 older individuals and adults with disabilities;

22 “(B) seeking recommendations from Federal
23 agencies about how to support interagency collabora-
24 tion to address food insecurity;

1 “(C) implementing innovative practices to ad-
2 dress food insecurity; and

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

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

9 “(6) In addition to any other funds appropriated for
10 the Center, there is authorized to be appropriated for the
11 Center, to carry out this subsection, \$5,000,000 for fiscal
12 year 2026 and each subsequent fiscal year.”.

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