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To reauthorize funding for programs to prevent and investigate elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

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Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Elder Justice Reau-
5 thorization and Modernization Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS**
 2 **TO PREVENT AND INVESTIGATE ELDER**
 3 **ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION.**

4 (a) NURSING HOME WORKER TRAINING GRANTS.—
 5 Section 2041 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 6 1397m) is amended to read as follows:

7 **“SEC. 2041. NURSING HOME WORKER TRAINING GRANTS.**

8 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—**

9 **“(1) STATE ENTITLEMENT.—**

10 **“(A) IN GENERAL.—**Each State shall be
 11 entitled to receive from the Secretary for each
 12 fiscal year specified in subsection (e)(1) a grant
 13 in an amount equal to the amount allotted to
 14 the State under subparagraph (B).

15 **“(B) STATE ALLOTMENTS.—**

16 **“(i) IN GENERAL.—**Subject to clauses
 17 (ii) and (iii), the amount allotted to a
 18 State under this subparagraph for a fiscal
 19 year shall be—

20 **“(I) the number of State resi-**
 21 **dents who have attained 65 years of**
 22 **age or have a disability (as defined in**
 23 **section 216(i)(1)), as determined by**
 24 **the Secretary using the most recent**
 25 **version of the American Community**
 26 **Survey published by the Bureau of the**

1 Census (or a successor data set); di-
2 vided by

3 “(II) the total number of such
4 residents of all States.

5 “(ii) LIMITATION.—The amount allot-
6 ted to a State under this subparagraph for
7 a fiscal year shall be not less than 0.25
8 percent of the available amount for the fis-
9 cal year.

10 “(iii) ADJUSTMENT OF STATE ALLOT-
11 MENTS.—Subject to clause (ii), the Sec-
12 retary shall proportionately increase or de-
13 crease the amounts allotted under this sub-
14 paragraph for a fiscal year as necessary to
15 ensure that the available amount for the
16 fiscal year is allotted among the States.

17 “(iv) REDETERMINATIONS.—

18 “(I) FREQUENCY.—The Sec-
19 retary shall make the determination
20 referred to in clause (i)(I) every 5
21 years.

22 “(II) LIMITATION.—Subject to
23 clause (ii), the amount allotted to a
24 State under this subparagraph, on the
25 basis of such a determination, for a

1 fiscal year after fiscal year 2028 shall
2 be—

3 “(aa) not less than 90 per-
4 cent of the amount of the grant
5 made to the State under this
6 subparagraph for the then pre-
7 ceding fiscal year; and

8 “(bb) not more than 110
9 percent of the amount referred to
10 in item (aa).

11 “(2) GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBAL
12 ORGANIZATIONS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in con-
14 sultation with the Secretary of the Interior,
15 shall make grants in accordance with this sec-
16 tion to Indian tribes and tribal organizations
17 who operate at least 1 eligible setting.

18 “(B) GRANT FORMULA.—The Secretary, in
19 consultation with the Secretary of the Interior,
20 shall devise a formula for distributing among
21 Indian tribes and tribal organizations the
22 amount required to be reserved by subsection
23 (e)(1) for each fiscal year.

24 “(3) SUB-GRANTS.—A State, Indian tribe, or
25 tribal organization to which an amount is paid under

1 this section may use the amount to make sub-grants
2 to local organizations, including community organi-
3 zations, local non-profits, elder rights and justice
4 groups, and workforce development boards for any
5 purpose described in paragraph (1) or (2) of sub-
6 section (b).

7 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—

8 “(1) REQUIRED USES.—A State to which an
9 amount is paid under this section shall use the
10 amount to—

11 “(A) provide wage subsidies to eligible in-
12 dividuals;

13 “(B) provide tuition assistance to, and di-
14 rectly pay the cost of applicable licensing exam
15 fees for, eligible individuals for a degree or cer-
16 tification in a field relevant to their position re-
17 ferred to in subsection (f)(1)(A);

18 “(C) provide, subsidize, or facilitate access
19 to child care for eligible individuals, including
20 help with referrals, co-pays, or other direct as-
21 sistance as needed; and

22 “(D) provide assistance where necessary
23 with obtaining appropriate transportation, in-
24 cluding public transportation if available, or gas
25 money or transit vouchers for ride share, taxis,

1 and similar types of transportation if public
2 transportation is unavailable or impractical
3 based on work hours or location.

4 “(2) AUTHORIZED USES.—A State to which an
5 amount is paid under this section may use the
6 amount to—

7 “(A) establish a reserve fund for financial
8 assistance to eligible individuals in emergency
9 situations;

10 “(B) provide in-kind resource donations,
11 such as interview clothing and conference at-
12 tendance fees;

13 “(C) provide assistance with programs and
14 activities, including legal assistance, deemed
15 necessary to address arrest or conviction
16 records that are an employment barrier;

17 “(D) support employers operating an eligi-
18 ble setting in the State in providing employees
19 with not less than 2 weeks of paid leave per
20 year; or

21 “(E) provide other support services the
22 Secretary deems necessary to allow for success-
23 ful recruitment and retention of workers.

24 “(3) PROVISION OF FUNDS ONLY FOR THE
25 BENEFIT OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN ELIGIBLE

1 SETTINGS.—A State to which an amount is paid
 2 under this section may provide the amount to only
 3 an eligible individual or a partner organization serv-
 4 ing an eligible individual.

5 “(4) NONSUPPLANTATION.—A State to which
 6 an amount is paid under this section shall not use
 7 the amount to supplant the expenditure of any State
 8 funds for recruiting, supporting, or retaining em-
 9 ployees in an eligible setting.

10 “(5) OBLIGATION DEADLINE.—A State, Indian
 11 tribe, or tribal organization shall remit to the Sec-
 12 retary for reallocation under this section any amount
 13 paid under this section for a fiscal year that is not
 14 obligated within 2 years after the end of the fiscal
 15 year.

16 “(c) ADMINISTRATION.—A State to which a grant is
 17 made under this section shall reserve not more than 10
 18 percent of the grant to—

19 “(1) administer subgrants in accordance with
 20 this section;

21 “(2) provide technical assistance and support
 22 for applying for and accessing such a subgrant op-
 23 portunity;

24 “(3) publicize the availability of the subgrants;

1 “(4) carry out activities to increase the supply
2 of eligible individuals; and

3 “(5) provide technical assistance to help sub-
4 grantees find and train individuals to provide the
5 services for which such individuals are contracted.

6 “(d) REPORTS.—

7 “(1) STATE REPORTS.—Not less frequently
8 than annually, each State to which a grant has been
9 made under this section shall transmit to the Sec-
10 retary a written report describing the activities un-
11 dertaken by the State pursuant to this section dur-
12 ing the period covered by the report, which shall in-
13 clude a specification of—

14 “(A) the total amount expended in the
15 State for each type of use described in para-
16 graph (1) or (2) of subsection (b);

17 “(B) the total number of non-State organi-
18 zations in the State to which grant funds were
19 provided, and the amount so provided to each
20 such organization;

21 “(C) the change in the number of individ-
22 uals working in each job category described in
23 subsection (f)(1)(A) in an eligible setting in the
24 State due to programs or services funded with
25 grants under this section;

1 “(D) the average duration of employment
2 for each such job category for individuals re-
3 ceiving, or who previously received, services or
4 supports from a grant under this section;

5 “(E) wages of workers in each job category
6 described in subsection (f)(1)(A) in an eligible
7 setting in the State with support from grants
8 under this section, as compared to all other
9 workers in the same eligible setting in the
10 State;

11 “(F) the average amount of paid time off
12 to which a worker in each job category de-
13 scribed in subsection (f)(1)(A) in an eligible set-
14 ting in the State is entitled by their contract
15 among workers with support from a grant
16 under this section, as compared to all workers
17 in eligible settings in the State; and

18 “(G) such other data elements as the Sec-
19 retary deems relevant.

20 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 3
21 years after the date of the enactment of this section,
22 and every 4 years thereafter, the Secretary shall
23 submit to Congress a written report outlining how
24 the States have used the grants made under this

1 section during the period covered by the report,
2 which shall include—

3 “(A) the total amount expended in each
4 State for each type of use described in para-
5 graph (1) or (2) of subsection (b);

6 “(B) the total number of non-State organi-
7 zations in each State to which grant funds were
8 provided, and the amount so provided to each
9 such organization;

10 “(C) an analysis of the data provided in
11 the State reports; and

12 “(D) such other data elements as the Sec-
13 retary deems relevant.

14 “(e) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any funds in the
15 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is appro-
16 priated to the Secretary \$400,000,000 for each of fiscal
17 years 2024 through 2027 to carry out this section, of
18 which 2 percent shall be reserved for grants to Indian
19 tribes and tribal organizations.

20 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(1) AVAILABLE AMOUNT.—The term ‘available
22 amount’ means, with respect to a fiscal year, the
23 amount specified in subsection (e) that remains after
24 the reservation required by such subsection for the
25 fiscal year, plus all amounts remitted to the Sec-

1 retary under subsection (b)(5) that have not been
2 reallotted under subsection (a)(1)(B)(iii).

3 “(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘eligible
4 individual’ means an individual who—

5 “(A)(i) is a qualified home health aide, as
6 defined in section 484.80(a) of title 42, Code of
7 Federal Regulations;

8 “(ii) is a nurse aide approved by the State
9 as meeting the requirements of sections
10 483.150 through 483.154 of such title, and is
11 listed in good standing on the State nurse aide
12 registry;

13 “(iii) is a personal care aide approved by
14 the State, and furnishes personal care services,
15 as defined in section 440.167 of such title;

16 “(iv) is a qualified hospice aide, as defined
17 in section 418.76 of such title;

18 “(v) is a licensed practical nurse or a li-
19 censed or certified social worker; or

20 “(vi) is receiving training to be certified or
21 licensed as such an aide, nurse, or social work-
22 er; and

23 “(B) provides (or, in the case of a trainee,
24 intends to provide) services as such an aide,
25 nurse, or social worker in an eligible setting.

1 “(3) ELIGIBLE SETTING.—The term ‘eligible
2 setting’ means—

3 “(A) a skilled nursing facility, as defined
4 in section 1819;

5 “(B) a nursing facility, as defined in sec-
6 tion 1919;

7 “(C) a home health agency, as defined in
8 section 1891;

9 “(D) a facility approved to deliver home or
10 community-based services authorized under
11 State options described in subsection (c) or (i)
12 of section 1915 or, as relevant, demonstration
13 projects authorized under section 1115;

14 “(E) a hospice, as defined in section 1814;
15 or

16 “(F) a tribal assisted living facility.

17 “(4) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘tribal
18 organization’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
19 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
20 cation Assistance Act.”.

21 (b) ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES FUNCTIONS AND
22 GRANT PROGRAMS.—

23 (1) DIRECT FUNDING; STATE ENTITLEMENT.—
24 Section 2042 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
25 1397m–1) is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (a), by striking para-
2 graph (2) and inserting the following:

3 “(2) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in
4 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
5 appropriated to the Secretary \$8,000,000 for each of
6 fiscal years 2024 through 2027 to carry out this sec-
7 tion.”;

8 (B) in subsection (b)—

9 (i) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking
10 “the availability of appropriations and”;
11 and

12 (ii) by striking paragraph (5) and in-
13 serting the following:

14 “(5) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in
15 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
16 appropriated to the Secretary \$400,000,000 for each
17 of fiscal years 2024 through 2027 to carry out this
18 section.”; and

19 (C) in subsection (c), by striking para-
20 graph (6) and inserting the following:

21 “(6) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in
22 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
23 appropriated to the Secretary \$75,000,000 for each
24 of fiscal years 2024 through 2027 to carry out this
25 section.”.

1 (2) STATE ENTITLEMENT; GRANTS TO INDIAN
 2 TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.—Section 2042
 3 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397m–1), as amended by
 4 paragraph (1), is amended—

5 (A) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by striking
 6 “State and local” and inserting “State, local,
 7 and tribal”;

8 (B) in subsection (b)—

9 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “the
 10 Secretary shall annually award grants to
 11 States in the amounts calculated under
 12 paragraph (2)” and inserting “each State
 13 shall be entitled to annually receive from
 14 the Secretary in the amounts calculated
 15 under paragraph (2), and the Secretary
 16 may annually award to each Indian tribe
 17 and tribal organization in accordance with
 18 paragraph (3), grants”;

19 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

20 (I) in the paragraph heading, by
 21 inserting “FOR A STATE” after “PAY-
 22 MENT”;

23 (II) in subparagraph (A), by in-
 24 serting “that remains after the res-

1 ervation under paragraph (3)(B)” be-
2 fore “multiplied”; and

3 (III) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

4 (aa) by inserting “that so
5 remains” after “such year”; and

6 (bb) by striking “amount so
7 appropriated” and inserting “re-
8 maining amount”; and

9 (iii) by redesignating paragraphs (3)
10 through (5) as paragraphs (4) through (6),
11 respectively, and inserting after paragraph
12 (2) the following:

13 “(3) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT TO INDIAN TRIBE
14 OR TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in con-
16 sultation with Indian tribes and tribal organiza-
17 tions, shall determine the amount of any grant
18 to be made to each Indian tribe and tribal orga-
19 nization from the amount reserved under sub-
20 paragraph (B). Paragraphs (4) and (5) shall
21 apply to grantees under this paragraph in the
22 same manner in which such paragraphs apply
23 to States.

24 “(B) RESERVATION OF FUNDS.—The Sec-
25 retary shall reserve 2 percent of the amount

made available by subsection (b)(6) for each fiscal year for grants under this paragraph.”;

(C) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking “to States” and inserting “to States, Indian tribes, and tribal organizations”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)—

(I) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “and Indian tribes and tribal organizations” after “government”; and

(II) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “or Indian tribe or tribal organization, as the case may be” after “government”;

(iii) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or Indian tribe or tribal organization” after “a State” the first place it appears; and

(iv) in paragraph (5)—

(I) by inserting “or Indian tribe or tribal organization” after “Each State”; and

(II) by inserting “or Indian tribe or tribal organization, as the case may be” after “the State”; and

1 (D) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(d) DEFINITION OF TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—In
3 this section, the term ‘tribal organization’ has the meaning
4 given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determina-
5 tion and Education Assistance Act.”.

6 (c) LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM
7 GRANTS AND TRAINING.—Section 2043 of the Social Se-
8 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397m–2) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (2)
10 and inserting the following:

11 “(2) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in
12 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
13 appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this sub-
14 section—

15 “(A) \$22,500,000 for fiscal year 2024; and

16 “(B) \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years
17 2025 and 2026.”; and

18 (2) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (2)
19 and inserting the following:

20 “(2) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in
21 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
22 appropriated to the Secretary \$30,000,000 for each
23 of fiscal years 2024 through 2027 to carry out this
24 subsection.”.

1 (d) INCENTIVES FOR DEVELOPING AND SUSTAINING
 2 STRUCTURAL COMPETENCY IN PROVIDING HEALTH AND
 3 HUMAN SERVICES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Part II of subtitle B of title
 5 XX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 397m–5)
 6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 2047. INCENTIVES FOR DEVELOPING AND SUS-**
 8 **TAINING STRUCTURAL COMPETENCY IN PRO-**
 9 **VIDING HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

10 “(a) GRANTS TO STATES TO SUPPORT LINKAGES TO
 11 LEGAL SERVICES AND MEDICAL LEGAL PARTNER-
 12 SHIPS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
 14 after the date of the enactment of this section, the
 15 Secretary shall establish and administer a program
 16 of grants to States to support the development or
 17 adoption of approaches to maintain or improve link-
 18 ages between health services, human services, and
 19 legal services for older adults and adults with dis-
 20 abilities, including through the following:

21 “(A) MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS.—

22 The establishment and support of medical-legal
 23 partnerships, the incorporation of the partner-
 24 ships in the elder justice framework and health
 25 and human services safety net, and the imple-

1 mentation and operation of such a partnership
2 by an eligible grantee—

3 “(i) at the option of a State, in con-
4 junction with an area agency on aging;

5 “(ii) in a solo provider practice in a
6 health professional shortage area (as de-
7 fined in section 332(a) of the Public
8 Health Service Act), a medically under-
9 served community (as defined in section
10 399B of such Act), or a rural area (as de-
11 fined in section 330J(e) of such Act);

12 “(iii) in a minority-serving institution
13 (defined for purposes of this section as an
14 eligible institution described in section
15 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of
16 1965) with health, law, and social services
17 professional programs;

18 “(iv) in an entity receiving funding
19 section 330 of the Public Health Service
20 Act or a look-alike, as described in section
21 1905(l)(2)(B); or

22 “(v) in certain hospitals that are crit-
23 ical access hospitals (as defined in section
24 1861(mm)(1)), medicare-dependent, small
25 rural hospitals (as defined in subsection

(d)(5)(G)(iv)), sole community hospitals (as defined in section 1886(d)(5)(D)(iii)), rural emergency hospitals (as defined in section 1861(kkk)), or hospitals that receive disproportionate share hospital payments under section 1886(d)(5)(F) or section 1923.

“(B) LEGAL HOTLINES DEVELOPMENT OR EXPANSION.—The provision of incentives to develop, enhance, and integrate platforms, such as legal assistance hotlines, that help to facilitate the identification of older adults and adults with disabilities who could benefit from linkages to available legal services such as those described in subparagraph (A).

“(2) STATE REPORTS.—Each State to which a grant is made under this subsection shall submit to the Secretary biannual reports on the activities carried out by the State pursuant to this subsection, which shall include assessments of the effectiveness of the activities with respect to—

“(A) the number of unique individuals identified through the mechanism outlined in paragraph (1)(B) who are referred to services

1 described in paragraph (1)(A), and the average
2 time period associated with resolving issues;

3 “(B) the success rate for referrals to com-
4 munity-based resources; and

5 “(C) other factors determined relevant by
6 the Secretary.

7 “(3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not less than
8 once every 2 years, the Secretary shall submit to
9 Congress a report that analyzes the data provided by
10 the State reports and the extent to which grantees
11 are establishing linkages to medical-legal partner-
12 ships and other legal services for older adults and
13 adults with disabilities.

14 “(4) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not less that
15 once every 4 years, the Secretary shall submit to
16 Congress a written report on the activities conducted
17 under this subsection.

18 “(5) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in
19 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
20 appropriated to the Secretary \$125,000,000 for each
21 of fiscal years 2024 through 2027 to carry out this
22 subsection.

23 “(6) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Support
24 provided to area agencies on aging, State units on
25 aging, eligible entities, or other community-based or-

1 organizations pursuant to this subsection shall be used
 2 to supplement and not supplant any other Federal,
 3 State, or local funds expended to provide the same
 4 or comparable services described in this subsection.

5 “(b) GRANTS AND TRAINING TO SUPPORT AREA
 6 AGENCIES ON AGING OR OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED OR-
 7 GANIZATIONS TO ADDRESS SOCIAL ISOLATION AMONG
 8 OLDER ADULTS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES.—

9 “(1) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall make
 10 grants to eligible area agencies on aging or other
 11 community-based organizations for the purpose of—

12 “(A) conducting outreach to individuals at
 13 risk for, or already experiencing, social isolation
 14 or loneliness, through established screening
 15 tools or other methods identified by the Sec-
 16 retary;

17 “(B) developing community-based interven-
 18 tions for the purposes of mitigating loneliness
 19 or social isolation (including evidence-based pro-
 20 grams, as defined by the Secretary, developed
 21 with multi-stakeholder input for the purposes of
 22 promoting social connection, mitigating social
 23 isolation or loneliness, or preventing social iso-
 24 lation or loneliness) among at-risk individuals;

1 “(C) connecting at-risk individuals with
2 community social and clinical supports; and

3 “(D) evaluating the effect of programs de-
4 veloped and implemented under subparagraphs
5 (B) and (C).

6 “(2) TRAINING.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
8 establish programs to provide and improve
9 training for area agencies on aging or commu-
10 nity-based organizations with respect to ad-
11 dressing and preventing social isolation and
12 loneliness among older adults and adults with
13 disabilities.

14 “(B) PRIORITIZATION AUTHORITY.—For
15 purposes of connecting at-risk individuals with
16 existing community social and clinical supports,
17 the Secretary may, in carrying out subpara-
18 graph (A), prioritize models that incorporate
19 training and service delivery in coordination
20 with medical-legal partnerships.

21 “(3) EVALUATION.—Not later than 3 years
22 after the date of the enactment of this section and
23 every 3 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit
24 to Congress a written report that assesses the extent
25 to which the programs established under this sub-

1 section address social isolation and loneliness among
 2 older adults and adults with disabilities.

3 “(4) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in
 4 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
 5 appropriated to the Secretary \$62,500,000 for each
 6 of fiscal years 2024 through 2027 to carry out this
 7 subsection.

8 “(5) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall co-
 9 ordinate with resource centers, grant programs, or
 10 other funding mechanisms established under section
 11 411(a)(18) of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C.
 12 3032(a)(18)), section 417(a)(1) of such Act (42
 13 U.S.C. 3032F(a)(1)), or other programs as deter-
 14 mined by the Secretary.

15 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) AREA AGENCY ON AGING.—The term ‘area
 17 agency on aging’ means an area agency on aging
 18 designated under section 305 of the Older Ameri-
 19 cans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3025).

20 “(2) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.—The
 21 term ‘community-based organization’ includes, ex-
 22 cept as otherwise provided by the Secretary, a non-
 23 profit community-based organization, a consortium
 24 of nonprofit community-based organizations, a na-
 25 tional nonprofit organization acting as an inter-

mediary for a community-based organization, or a community-based organization that has a fiscal sponsor that allows the organization to function as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.

“(3) LONELINESS.—The term ‘loneliness’ means subjectively feeling alone, or the discrepancy between one’s desired level of social connection and one’s actual level of social connection.

“(4) SOCIAL CONNECTION.—The term ‘social connection’ means the variety of ways one can connect with others socially, through physical, behavioral, social-cognitive, and emotional channels.

“(5) SOCIAL ISOLATION.—The term ‘social isolation’ means objectively being alone, or having few relationships or infrequent social contact.”.

(2) CLARIFICATION THAT MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS ARE AUTHORIZED ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES.—Section 2011 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397j) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2)(D), by inserting “, including through a medical-legal partnership” before the period; and

1 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (16)
 2 through (22) as paragraphs (17) through (23),
 3 respectively, and inserting after paragraph (15)
 4 the following:

5 “(16) MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP.—The
 6 term ‘medical-legal partnership’ means an arrange-
 7 ment in a health care or human services setting that
 8 integrates lawyers and social workers to address the
 9 needs of an individual patient related to social deter-
 10 minants of health, and to help clinicians, case man-
 11 agers, and social workers address structural prob-
 12 lems at the root of many health inequities, including
 13 a multidisciplinary team integrated into such a set-
 14 ting to address such needs and to establish and
 15 maintain structural competence among clinicians,
 16 case managers, and social workers to best address
 17 structural problems at the root of many health in-
 18 equities.”.

19 (e) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 2011(12)(A)
 20 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397j(12)(A)) is
 21 amended by striking “450b” and inserting “5304”.

22 **SEC. 3. ASSESSMENT REPORTS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
 24 date of enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than
 25 once every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of Health and

1 Human Services shall submit a report to the Committee
2 on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and
3 the Committee on Finance and the Special Committee on
4 Aging of the Senate on the programs, coordinating bodies,
5 registries, and activities established or authorized under
6 subtitle B of title XX of the Social Security Act (42
7 U.S.C. 1397l et seq.), as amended by sections 2 and 3,
8 section 1150B of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–25, or para-
9 graphs (1) and (2) of section 6703(b) of the Patient Pro-
10 tection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–3a(b))).
11 Each such report shall assess the extent to which such
12 programs, coordinating bodies, registries, and activities
13 have improved access to, and the quality of, resources
14 available to older adults, adults with disabilities, and their
15 caregivers to ultimately prevent, detect, and treat abuse,
16 neglect, and exploitation, and shall include, as appro-
17 priate, recommendations to Congress on funding levels
18 and policy changes to help these programs, coordinating
19 bodies, registries, and activities better prevent, detect, and
20 treat abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older adults and
21 adults with disabilities.

22 (b) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the
23 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are appro-
24 priated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services

- 1 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2027
- 2 to carry out this section.

