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To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish programs to assist low-income households in maintaining access to drinking water and wastewater services, and for other purposes.

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Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself, Mr. KATKO, Mrs. DINGELL, and Ms. TLAIB) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish programs to assist low-income households in maintaining access to drinking water and wastewater services, and for other purposes.

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 “Low-Income Water
5 Customer Assistance Programs Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. LOW-INCOME DRINKING WATER ASSISTANCE PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 Part E of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
4 300j et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“SEC. 1459E. LOW-INCOME DRINKING WATER ASSISTANCE**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
10 tity’ means—

11 “(A) a community water system that is
12 owned or operated by a municipality, other than
13 a small community-serving water system; or

14 “(B) a State, with respect to a small com-
15 munity-serving water system located in the
16 State.

17 “(2) HOUSEHOLD.—The term ‘household’
18 means any individual or group of individuals who
19 are living together as 1 economic unit.

20 “(3) LOCAL DRINKING WATER ACCESS PRO-
21 GRAM.—The term ‘local drinking water access pro-
22 gram’ means a program developed or implemented
23 by an eligible entity using a grant awarded under
24 this section.

25 “(4) LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD.—The term
26 ‘low-income household’ means a household—

1 “(A) in which 1 or more individuals are re-
2 ceiving—

3 “(i) assistance under a State program
4 funded under part A of title IV of the So-
5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

6 “(ii) supplemental security income
7 payments under title XVI of the Social Se-
8 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.);

9 “(iii) supplemental nutrition assist-
10 ance program benefits under the Food and
11 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et
12 seq.); or

13 “(iv) payments under—

14 “(I) section 1315, 1521, 1541, or
15 1542 of title 38, United States Code;
16 or

17 “(II) section 306 of the Veterans’
18 and Survivors’ Pension Improvement
19 Act of 1978 (38 U.S.C. 1521 note;
20 Public Law 95–588); or

21 “(B) that has an income that—

22 “(i) as determined by the State in
23 which the household is located, does not
24 exceed the greater of—

1 “(I) an amount equal to 150 per-
2 cent of the poverty level; and

3 “(II) an amount equal to 60 per-
4 cent of the State median income for
5 that State; or

6 “(ii) does not exceed an amount, de-
7 termined by an eligible entity receiving a
8 grant under this section, that—

9 “(I) is lower than the amount de-
10 scribed in clause (i); and

11 “(II) is greater than or equal to
12 110 percent of the poverty level.

13 “(5) POVERTY LEVEL.—The term ‘poverty
14 level’ means, with respect to a household in a State,
15 the income described in the poverty guidelines issued
16 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services
17 pursuant to section 673 of the Community Services
18 Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902), as applicable to
19 the household.

20 “(6) SMALL COMMUNITY-SERVING WATER SYS-
21 TEM.—The term ‘small community-serving water
22 system’ means a community water system that pro-
23 vides drinking water services to a municipality with
24 a population of fewer than 10,000 residents, at least

1 20 percent of whom are at or below the poverty
2 level.

3 “(7) STATE MEDIAN INCOME.—The term ‘State
4 median income’ has the meaning given that term in
5 section 2603 of the Low-Income Home Energy As-
6 sistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8622).

7 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall es-
9 tablish a Federal low-income drinking water assist-
10 ance program to award grants to eligible entities to
11 develop and implement local drinking water access
12 programs to assist low-income households in main-
13 taining access to affordable drinking water.

14 “(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL COMMUNITY-
15 SERVING WATER SYSTEMS.—In order for a State to
16 be eligible to receive a grant under this section for
17 a small community-serving water system, the State
18 and the small community-serving water system shall
19 enter into a memorandum of understanding, under
20 which the State shall—

21 “(A) submit to the Administrator an appli-
22 cation under paragraph (6) for the small com-
23 munity-serving water system; and

24 “(B) on receipt of a grant under this sec-
25 tion, develop and implement a local drinking

1 water access program for the small community-
2 serving water system.

3 “(3) LIMITATIONS.—A grant awarded under
4 this subsection—

5 “(A) shall not be used to replace funds for
6 any existing similar local program to assist low-
7 income households in maintaining access to af-
8 fordable drinking water; but

9 “(B) may be used to supplement or en-
10 hance such a local program.

11 “(4) TERM.—The term of a grant awarded
12 under this subsection shall be one year.

13 “(5) MINIMUM LOCAL PROGRAM REQUIRE-
14 MENTS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6
16 months after the date of enactment of this sec-
17 tion, the Administrator shall develop, in con-
18 sultation with relevant stakeholders, the min-
19 imum requirements for a local drinking water
20 access program.

21 “(B) INCLUSIONS.—The local drinking
22 water access program requirements developed
23 under subparagraph (A) may include—

24 “(i) direct financial assistance;

25 “(ii) a lifeline rate;

1 “(iii) bill discounting;

2 “(iv) special hardship provisions;

3 “(v) a percentage-of-income payment
4 plan;

5 “(vi) water efficiency assistance, in-
6 cluding subsidizing the cost of the installa-
7 tion of water efficient fixtures or leak re-
8 pair work that is carried out or contracted
9 by a homeowner; or

10 “(vii) any other form of assistance
11 identified by the Administrator.

12 “(6) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under
13 this subsection—

14 “(A) an eligible entity shall submit to the
15 Administrator an application that demonstrates
16 that—

17 “(i) the proposed local drinking water
18 access program meets the requirements de-
19 veloped under paragraph (5); and

20 “(ii) the proposed local drinking water
21 access program will treat households that
22 live in owner-occupied homes and house-
23 holds that live in rental housing equitably;
24 and

1 “(B) in the case of an eligible entity de-
2 scribed in subsection (a)(1)(A), the eligible enti-
3 ty shall submit to the Administrator an applica-
4 tion that demonstrates that—

5 “(i) the eligible entity has—

6 “(I) a long-term financial plan
7 based on an analysis of the rates the
8 applicable community water system
9 charges for drinking water services;

10 “(II) an asset management plan;

11 “(III) a capital improvement plan
12 with a period of not less than 20
13 years;

14 “(IV) a fiscal management plan;

15 or

16 “(V) another plan similar to the
17 plans described in clauses (i) through
18 (iv);

19 “(ii) a grant awarded under this sub-
20 section would support the efforts of the eli-
21 gible entity to generate the necessary funds
22 to achieve or maintain compliance with this
23 Act while mitigating the cost to low-income
24 households; and

1 “(iii) the eligible entity has the capac-
2 ity to create and implement an effective
3 community outreach plan to inform low-in-
4 come households of the local drinking
5 water access program and assist with en-
6 rollment.

7 “(7) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
8 subsection, the Administrator shall give priority to
9 applications for local drinking water access pro-
10 grams with respect to which—

11 “(A) the owner or operator of the applica-
12 ble community water system—

13 “(i) owns or operates a—

14 “(I) treatment works (as defined
15 in section 212 of the Federal Water
16 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
17 1292)) for municipal waste; or

18 “(II) a municipal separate storm
19 sewer system (as such term is used in
20 the Federal Water Pollution Control
21 Act); and

22 “(ii) is subject to a consent decree re-
23 lating to compliance with the Federal
24 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.

1 1251 et seq.) with respect to a treatment
2 works or system described in clause (i);

3 “(B) the residential customers of the appli-
4 cable community water system have experienced
5 rate or fee increases for drinking water services
6 or wastewater services (including stormwater
7 services) of 30 percent or more during the 3-
8 year period ending on the date of enactment of
9 this section; or

10 “(C) the eligible entity will provide match-
11 ing funds in an amount equal to or greater
12 than the amount of the grant.

13 “(8) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of re-
15 ceiving a grant under this subsection, an eligi-
16 ble entity shall submit to the Administrator, in
17 a manner determined by the Administrator, in-
18 formation regarding the applicable local drink-
19 ing water access program, including—

20 “(i) key features, including rate struc-
21 tures, rebates, discounts, and related ini-
22 tiatives that assist low-income households,
23 including—

1 “(I) billing methods that average
2 rates over the course of a year, known
3 as ‘budget billing’;

4 “(II) bill timing; and

5 “(III) pretermination protections;

6 “(ii) sources of funding;

7 “(iii) eligibility criteria;

8 “(iv) participation rates by house-
9 holds;

10 “(v) the average amount of assistance
11 provided to participating households;

12 “(vi) program costs;

13 “(vii) the demonstrable impacts of the
14 program on arrearage and service dis-
15 connection for households, based on data
16 from before and after the implementation
17 of the program, to the maximum extent
18 practicable; and

19 “(viii) other relevant information re-
20 quired by the Administrator.

21 “(B) PUBLICATION.—The Administrator
22 shall publish a report that compiles and sum-
23 marizes the information submitted under sub-
24 paragraph (A).

1 “(9) ASSISTANCE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.—

2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, assist-
3 ance provided to a low-income household under a
4 local drinking water access program shall not be in-
5 cludible in the gross income of the recipient of such
6 assistance for purposes of the Internal Revenue
7 Code of 1986.

8 “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator
9 shall provide technical assistance to each eligible entity
10 that receives a grant under this section to ensure—

11 “(1) full implementation of the applicable local
12 drinking water access program; and

13 “(2) maximum enrollment of low-income house-
14 holds in the applicable local drinking water access
15 program, including through—

16 “(A) community outreach campaigns; or

17 “(B) coordination with local health depart-
18 ments to determine the eligibility of households
19 for assistance.

20 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
21 on which grant funds are first disbursed to an eligible enti-
22 ty under this section, and annually thereafter, the Admin-
23 istrator shall submit to Congress a report on the results
24 of the Federal program established under this section.”.

1 **SEC. 3. LOW-INCOME WASTEWATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

2 Title I of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
3 (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 **“SEC. 124. LOW-INCOME WASTEWATER ASSISTANCE PRO-**
6 **GRAM.**

7 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) COVERED FACILITY.—The term ‘covered
9 facility’ means—

10 “(A) a treatment works for municipal
11 waste; or

12 “(B) a municipal separate storm sewer
13 system.

14 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
15 tity’ means—

16 “(A) a municipality that owns or operates
17 a covered facility, other than a small commu-
18 nity-serving wastewater facility;

19 “(B) 2 or more municipalities described in
20 subparagraph (A) that have entered into a part-
21 nership agreement or a cooperative agreement;
22 or

23 “(C) a State, with respect to a small com-
24 munity-serving wastewater facility located in
25 the State.

1 “(3) HOUSEHOLD.—The term ‘household’
2 means any individual or group of individuals who
3 are living together as 1 economic unit.

4 “(4) LOCAL WASTEWATER SERVICES ACCESS
5 PROGRAM.—The term ‘local wastewater services ac-
6 cess program’ means a program developed or imple-
7 mented by an eligible entity using a grant awarded
8 under this section.

9 “(5) LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD.—The term
10 ‘low-income household’ means a household—

11 “(A) in which 1 or more individuals are re-
12 ceiving—

13 “(i) assistance under a State program
14 funded under part A of title IV of the So-
15 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

16 “(ii) supplemental security income
17 payments under title XVI of the Social Se-
18 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.);

19 “(iii) supplemental nutrition assist-
20 ance program benefits under the Food and
21 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et
22 seq.); or

23 “(iv) payments under—

1 “(I) section 1315, 1521, 1541, or
2 1542 of title 38, United States Code;
3 or

4 “(II) section 306 of the Veterans’
5 and Survivors’ Pension Improvement
6 Act of 1978 (38 U.S.C. 1521 note;
7 Public Law 95–588); or

8 “(B) that has an income that—

9 “(i) as determined by the State in
10 which the household is located, does not
11 exceed the greater of—

12 “(I) an amount equal to 150 per-
13 cent of the poverty level; and

14 “(II) an amount equal to 60 per-
15 cent of the State median income for
16 that State; or

17 “(ii) does not exceed an amount, de-
18 termined by an eligible entity receiving a
19 grant under this section, that—

20 “(I) is lower than the amount de-
21 scribed in clause (i); and

22 “(II) is greater than or equal to
23 110 percent of the poverty level.

24 “(6) POVERTY LEVEL.—The term ‘poverty
25 level’ means, with respect to a household in a State,

1 the income described in the poverty guidelines issued
2 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services
3 pursuant to section 673 of the Community Services
4 Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902), as applicable to
5 the household.

6 “(7) SMALL COMMUNITY-SERVING WASTE-
7 WATER FACILITY.—The term ‘small community-serv-
8 ing wastewater facility’ means a covered facility that
9 provides services to municipality with a population
10 of fewer than 10,000 residents, at least 20 percent
11 of whom are at or below the poverty level.

12 “(8) STATE MEDIAN INCOME.—The term ‘State
13 median income’ has the meaning given that term in
14 section 2603 of the Low-Income Home Energy As-
15 sistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8622).

16 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall es-
18 tablish a Federal low-income wastewater assistance
19 program to award grants to eligible entities to de-
20 velop and implement local wastewater access pro-
21 grams to assist low-income households in maintain-
22 ing access to affordable wastewater services, includ-
23 ing municipal stormwater services.

24 “(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL COMMUNITY-
25 SERVING WASTEWATER FACILITIES.—In order for a

1 State to be eligible to receive a grant under this sec-
2 tion for a small community-serving wastewater facil-
3 ity, the State and the small community-serving
4 wastewater facility shall enter into a memorandum
5 of understanding, under which the State shall—

6 “(A) submit to the Administrator an appli-
7 cation under paragraph (6) for the small com-
8 munity-serving wastewater facility; and

9 “(B) on receipt of a grant under this sec-
10 tion, develop and implement a local wastewater
11 access program for the small community-serv-
12 ing wastewater facility.

13 “(3) LIMITATIONS.—A grant awarded under
14 this subsection—

15 “(A) shall not be used to replace funds for
16 any existing similar local program to assist low-
17 income households in maintaining access to af-
18 fordable wastewater services, including munic-
19 ipal stormwater services; but

20 “(B) may be used to supplement or en-
21 hance such a local program.

22 “(4) TERM.—The term of a grant awarded
23 under this subsection shall be one year.

24 “(5) MINIMUM LOCAL PROGRAM REQUIRE-
25 MENTS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6
2 months after the date of enactment of this sec-
3 tion, the Administrator shall develop, in con-
4 sultation with relevant stakeholders, the min-
5 imum requirements for a local wastewater ac-
6 cess program.

7 “(B) INCLUSIONS.—The local wastewater
8 access program requirements developed under
9 subparagraph (A) may include—

10 “(i) direct financial assistance;

11 “(ii) a lifeline rate;

12 “(iii) bill discounting;

13 “(iv) special hardship provisions;

14 “(v) a percentage-of-income payment
15 plan;

16 “(vi) water efficiency assistance, in-
17 cluding subsidizing the cost of the installa-
18 tion of water efficient fixtures or leak re-
19 pair work that is carried out or contracted
20 by a homeowner; or

21 “(vii) any other form of assistance
22 identified by the Administrator.

23 “(6) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under
24 this subsection—

1 “(A) an eligible entity shall submit to the
2 Administrator an application that demonstrates
3 that—

4 “(i) the proposed local wastewater ac-
5 cess program meets the requirements de-
6 veloped under paragraph (5); and

7 “(ii) the proposed local wastewater ac-
8 cess program will treat households that live
9 in owner-occupied homes and households
10 that live in rental housing equitably; and

11 “(B) in the case of an eligible entity de-
12 scribed in subsection (a)(1)(A), the eligible enti-
13 ty shall submit to the Administrator an applica-
14 tion that demonstrates that—

15 “(i) the eligible entity has—

16 “(I) a long-term financial plan
17 based on an analysis of the rates the
18 applicable covered facility charges for
19 services;

20 “(II) an asset management plan;

21 “(III) a capital improvement plan
22 with a period of not less than 20
23 years;

24 “(IV) a fiscal management plan;

25 or

1 “(V) another plan similar to the
2 plans described in clauses (i) through
3 (iv);

4 “(ii) a grant awarded under this sub-
5 section would support the efforts of the eli-
6 gible entity to generate the necessary funds
7 to achieve or maintain compliance with this
8 Act while mitigating the cost to low-income
9 households; and

10 “(iii) the eligible entity has the capac-
11 ity to create and implement an effective
12 community outreach plan to inform low-in-
13 come households of the local wastewater
14 access program and assist with enrollment.

15 “(7) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
16 subsection, the Administrator shall give priority to
17 applications for local wastewater access programs
18 with respect to which—

19 “(A) the applicable covered facility is sub-
20 ject to a consent decree relating to compliance
21 with this Act;

22 “(B) the residential customers of the appli-
23 cable covered facility have experienced rate or
24 fee increases for drinking water services or
25 wastewater services (including stormwater serv-

1 ices) of 30 percent or more during the 3-year
2 period ending on the date of enactment of this
3 section;

4 “(C) the eligible entity develops an equiva-
5 lent program, as determined by the Adminis-
6 trator, that is administered separately by the el-
7 igible entity;

8 “(D) matching funds will be provided in an
9 amount equal to or greater than the amount of
10 the grant; or

11 “(E) the eligible entity is described in sub-
12 section (a)(2)(B).

13 “(8) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of re-
15 ceiving a grant under this subsection, an eligi-
16 ble entity shall submit to the Administrator, in
17 a manner determined by the Administrator, in-
18 formation regarding the applicable local waste-
19 water access program, including—

20 “(i) key features, including rate struc-
21 tures, rebates, discounts, and related ini-
22 tiatives that assist low-income households,
23 including—

1 “(I) billing methods that average
2 rates over the course of a year, known
3 as ‘budget billing’;

4 “(II) bill timing; and

5 “(III) pretermination protections;

6 “(ii) sources of funding;

7 “(iii) eligibility criteria;

8 “(iv) participation rates by house-
9 holds;

10 “(v) the average amount of assistance
11 provided to households;

12 “(vi) program costs;

13 “(vii) the demonstrable impacts of the
14 program on arrearage and service dis-
15 connection for households, based on data
16 from before and after the implementation
17 of the program, to the maximum extent
18 practicable; and

19 “(viii) other relevant information re-
20 quired by the Administrator.

21 “(B) PUBLICATION.—The Administrator
22 shall publish a report that compiles and sum-
23 marizes the information submitted under sub-
24 paragraph (A).

1 “(9) ASSISTANCE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.—

2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, assist-
3 ance provided to a low-income household under a
4 local wastewater access program shall not be includ-
5 ible in the gross income of the recipient of such as-
6 sistance for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code
7 of 1986.

8 “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator
9 shall provide technical assistance to each eligible entity
10 that receives a grant under this section to ensure—

11 “(1) full implementation of the applicable local
12 wastewater access program; and

13 “(2) maximum enrollment of low-income house-
14 holds in the applicable local wastewater access pro-
15 gram, including through—

16 “(A) community outreach campaigns; or

17 “(B) coordination with local health depart-
18 ments to determine the eligibility of households
19 for assistance.

20 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
21 on which grant funds are first disbursed to an eligible enti-
22 ty under this section, and annually thereafter, the Admin-
23 istrator shall submit to Congress a report on the results
24 of the Federal program established under this section.”.

1 **SEC. 4. NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR NATIONWIDE RURAL AND**
2 **URBAN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY WATER AS-**
3 **SISTANCE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
6 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-
7 mental Protection Agency.

8 (2) HOUSEHOLD.—The term “household”
9 means any individual or group of individuals who
10 are living together as 1 economic unit.

11 (3) LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD.—The term
12 “low-income household” means a household—

13 (A) in which 1 or more individuals are re-
14 ceiving—

15 (i) assistance under a State program
16 funded under part A of title IV of the So-
17 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

18 (ii) supplemental security income pay-
19 ments under title XVI of the Social Secu-
20 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.);

21 (iii) supplemental nutrition assistance
22 program benefits under the Food and Nu-
23 trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et
24 seq.); or

25 (iv) payments under—

1 (I) section 1315, 1521, 1541, or
2 1542 of title 38, United States Code;
3 or

4 (II) section 306 of the Veterans'
5 and Survivors' Pension Improvement
6 Act of 1978 (38 U.S.C. 1521 note;
7 Public Law 95–588); or

8 (B) that has an income that, as deter-
9 mined by the State in which the household is lo-
10 cated, does not exceed the greater of—

11 (i) an amount equal to 150 percent of
12 the poverty level; and

13 (ii) an amount equal to 60 percent of
14 the State median income for that State.

15 (4) POVERTY LEVEL.—The term “poverty
16 level” means, with respect to a household in a State,
17 the income described in the poverty guidelines issued
18 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services
19 pursuant to section 673 of the Community Services
20 Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902), as applicable to
21 the household.

22 (5) STATE MEDIAN INCOME.—The term “State
23 median income” has the meaning given that term in
24 section 2603 of the Low-Income Home Energy As-
25 sistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8622).

1 (b) STUDY; REPORT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
3 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
4 trator shall conduct, and submit to Congress a re-
5 port describing the results of, a study regarding the
6 prevalence throughout the United States of low-in-
7 come households that do not have access to—

8 (A) affordable and functional centralized
9 or onsite wastewater services that protect the
10 health of individuals in the households;

11 (B) affordable municipal stormwater serv-
12 ices; or

13 (C) affordable public drinking water serv-
14 ices to meet household needs.

15 (2) INCLUSIONS.—The report under paragraph
16 (1) shall include—

17 (A) recommendations of the Administrator
18 regarding the best methods to increase access
19 to the services described in paragraph (1);

20 (B) a description of the cost of each meth-
21 od described in subparagraph (A);

22 (C) a description of all consultation with
23 relevant stakeholders carried out in developing
24 the report; and

1 (D) a description of the results of the
2 study with respect to low-income households
3 that live in rental housing and do not receive
4 bills for such services, but pay for the services
5 indirectly through rent payments.

6 (3) AGREEMENTS.—The Administrator may
7 enter into an agreement with another Federal agen-
8 cy to carry out the study under paragraph (1).

○