## AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5332

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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### **1** SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

- 2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
- 3 "Protecting Your Credit Score Act of 2019".
- 4 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
- 5 this Act is as follows:
  - Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
  - Sec. 2. Establishment of online consumer portal landing page for consumer access to certain credit information.
  - Sec. 3. Accuracy in consumer reports.
  - Sec. 4. Improved Dispute Process for Consumer Reporting Agencies.
  - Sec. 5. Injunctive relief.
  - Sec. 6. Increased transparency.
  - Sec. 7. Consumer reporting agency registry.
  - Sec. 8. Authority of Bureau with respect to consumer reporting agencies.
  - Sec. 9. Bureau standards for protecting nonpublic information.
  - Sec. 10. Report on data security risk assessments in examinations of consumer reporting agencies.

Sec. 11. GAO study on the use of social security numbers.

#### 6 SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF ONLINE CONSUMER PORTAL

#### 7 LANDING PAGE FOR CONSUMER ACCESS TO

- 8 CERTAIN CREDIT INFORMATION.
- 9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 612(a)(1) of the Fair
- 10 Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681j(a)(1)) is amended
- 11 by adding at the end the following:

1	"(D) Online consumer portal landing
2	PAGE.—
3	"(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1
4	year after the date of enactment of this
5	subparagraph, each consumer reporting
6	agency described in section 603(p) shall
7	jointly develop an online consumer portal
8	landing page that gives each consumer un-
9	limited free access to—
10	"(I) the consumer report of the
11	consumer;
12	"(II) the means by which the
13	consumer may exercise the rights of
14	the consumer under subparagraph $(E)$
15	and section $604(e)$ ;
16	"(III) the ability to initiate a dis-
17	pute with the consumer reporting
18	agency regarding the accuracy or
19	completeness of any information in a
20	report in accordance with section
21	611(a) or 623(a)(8);
22	"(IV) the ability to place and re-
23	move a security freeze on a consumer
24	report for free under section 605A(i)
25	and (j);

1	"(V) if the consumer reporting
2	agency offers a product to consumers
3	to prevent access to the consumer re-
4	port of the consumer for the purpose
5	of preventing identity theft, a disclo-
6	sure to the consumer regarding the
7	differences between that product and
8	a security freeze as defined under sec-
9	tion $605A(i)$ or (j);
10	"(VI) information on who has
11	accessed the consumer report of the
12	consumer over the last 24 months,
13	and, as available, for what permissible
14	purpose the consumer report was fur-
15	nished in accordance with section 604
16	and section 609; and
17	"(VII) the credit score of the
18	consumer in accordance with section
19	609(f)(7).
20	"(ii) No waiver.—A consumer re-
21	porting agency described in section $603(p)$
22	may not require a consumer to waive any
23	legal or privacy rights to access—
24	"(I) a portal established under
25	this subparagraph; or

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1	"(II) any of the services de-
2	scribed in clause (i) that are provided
3	through a portal established under
4	this subparagraph.
5	"(iii) NO ADVERTISING OR SOLICITA-
6	TIONS.—A portal established under this
7	subparagraph may not contain any adver-
8	tising, marketing offers, or other solicita-
9	tions.
10	"(iv) Extension.—The Bureau may
11	allow the consumer reporting agencies an
12	extension of 1 year to develop the online
13	consumer portal landing page required
14	under clause (i).
15	"(v) Rule of construction.—
16	Nothing in this subparagraph may be con-
17	strued as requiring a consumer reporting
18	agency to disclose confidential proprietary
19	information through the online consumer
20	portal landing page.
21	"(E) Opt-out option.—
22	"(i) IN GENERAL.—If a consumer re-
23	porting agency sells consumer information
24	in a manner that is not included in a con-
25	sumer report, the consumer reporting

1	agency shall provide each consumer with a
2	method (through a website, by phone, or in
3	writing) by which the consumer may elect,
4	free of charge, to not have the information
5	of the consumer so sold.
6	"(ii) NO EXPIRATION.—An election
7	made by a consumer under clause (i) shall
8	expire on the date on which the consumer
9	expressly revokes the election through a
10	website, by phone, or in writing.".
11	(b) Conforming Amendment.—Section $612(f)(1)$
12	of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. $1681 j(f)(1))$
13	is amended, in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
14	by adding "or that is made through the online consumer
15	portal landing page established under subsection
16	(a)(1)(D)," after "subsections (a) through (d),".
17	SEC. 3. ACCURACY IN CONSUMER REPORTS.
18	Section 607(b) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15
19	U.S.C. 1681e) is amended to read as follows:
20	"(b) Ensuring Accuracy.—
21	"(1) IN GENERAL.—In preparing a consumer
22	report, each consumer reporting agency shall follow
23	reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible
24	accuracy of the information concerning the consumer
25	to whom the report relates.

1	"(2) Matching information in a file.—In
2	assuring the maximum possible accuracy under
3	paragraph (1), each consumer reporting agency de-
4	scribed in section $603(p)$ shall ensure that, when in-
5	cluding information in the file of a consumer, the
6	consumer reporting agency—
7	"(A) matches all 9 digits of the social se-
8	curity number of the consumer with the infor-
9	mation that the consumer reporting agency is
10	including in the file; or
11	"(B) if a consumer does not have a social
12	security number, matches information that in-
13	cludes the full legal name, date of birth, current
14	address, and at least one former address of the
15	consumer.
16	"(3) PERIODIC AUDITS.—Each consumer re-
17	porting agency shall perform periodic audits, on a
18	schedule determined by the Bureau, on a representa-
19	tive sample of consumer reports of the agency to
20	check for accuracy.".
21	SEC. 4. IMPROVED DISPUTE PROCESS FOR CONSUMER RE-
22	PORTING AGENCIES.
23	(a) Responsibilities of Furnishers of Infor-
24	MATION TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES.—Section

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1	623 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681s–
2	2) is amended—
3	(1) in subsection $(a)(8)$ —
4	(A) in subparagraph (E)(ii), by inserting
5	"and consider" after "review"; and
6	(B) in subparagraph (F)—
7	(i) in clause (i)(II), by inserting ",
8	and does not include any new or additional
9	information that would be relevant to a re-
10	investigation" before the period at the end;
11	and
12	(ii) by adding at the end the following
13	new clause:
14	"(iv) New or additional informa-
15	TION.—For purposes of clause (i)(II), the
16	term 'new or additional information'—
17	"(I) means information of a type
18	designated by the Bureau; and
19	"(II) does not include informa-
20	tion previously provided to the per-
21	son."; and
22	(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting "and con-
23	sider" after "review".
24	(b) BUREAU CREDIT REPORTING OMBUDSPERSON.—
25	Section 611(a) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15

U.S.C. 1681i(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol lowing:

3	··(8)	BUREAU	CREDIT	REPORTING
4	OMBUDSPEH	RSON.—		

5 "(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 6 days after the date of enactment of this para-7 graph, the Bureau shall establish the position 8 of credit reporting ombudsperson, whose spe-9 cific duties shall include carrying out the Bu-10 reau's responsibilities with respect to—

"(i) resolving persistent errors that
are not resolved in a timely manner by a
consumer reporting agency; and
"(ii) enhancing oversight of consumer

15 reporting agencies by—

"(I) advising the Director of the 16 17 Bureau, in consultation with the Of-18 fice of Enforcement and the Office of 19 Supervision of the Bureau, on any po-20 tential violations of paragraph (5) or 21 any other applicable law by a con-22 sumer reporting agency, including ap-23 propriate corrective action for such a 24 violation; and

1	"(II) making referrals to the Of-
2	fice of Supervision for supervisory ac-
3	tion or the Office of Enforcement for
4	enforcement action, as appropriate, in
5	response to violations of paragraph
6	(5) or any other applicable law by a
7	consumer reporting agency.
8	"(B) REPORT.—The ombudsperson shall
9	submit to the Committee on Financial Services
10	of the House of Representatives and the Com-
11	mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
12	of the Senate an annual report including statis-
13	tics and analysis on consumer complaints the
14	Bureau receives relating to consumer reports,
15	as well as a summary of the supervisory actions
16	and enforcement actions taken with respect to
17	consumer reporting agencies during the year
18	covered by the report.".
19	(c) Responsibilities of Consumer Reporting
20	AGENCIES.—Section 611 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act
21	(15 U.S.C. 1681i) is amended—
22	(1) in subsection (a)—

23 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end24 the following:

1	"(D) Obligations of consumer re-
2	PORTING AGENCIES RELATING TO REINVES-
3	TIGATIONS.—Commensurate with the volume
4	and complexity of disputes about which a con-
5	sumer reporting agency receives notice, or rea-
6	sonably anticipates to receive notice, under this
7	paragraph, each consumer reporting agency
8	shall—
9	"(i) maintain sufficient personnel to
10	conduct reinvestigations of those disputes;
11	and
12	"(ii) provide training with respect to
13	the personnel described in clause (i).";
14	(B) in paragraph $(6)(B)$ —
15	(i) by amending clause (ii) to read as
16	follows:
17	"(ii) a copy of the consumer's file and
18	a consumer report that is based upon such
19	file as revised, including a description of
20	the specific modification or deletion of in-
21	formation, as a result of the reinvestiga-
22	tion;";
23	(ii) by striking clause (iii) and redes-
24	ignating clauses (iv) and (v) as clauses (vi)
25	and (vii), respectively;

1	(iii) by inserting after clause (ii) the
2	following:
3	"(iii) a description of the actions
4	taken by the consumer reporting agency
5	regarding the dispute;
6	"(iv) if applicable, contact information
7	for any furnisher involved in responding to
8	the dispute and a description of the role
9	played by the furnisher in the reinvestiga-
10	tion process;
11	"(v) the options available to the con-
12	sumer if the consumer is dissatisfied with
13	the result of the reinvestigation, includ-
14	ing—
15	"(I) submitting documents in
16	support of the dispute;
17	"(II) adding a consumer state-
18	ment of dispute to the file of the con-
19	sumer pursuant to subsection (b);
20	"(III) filing a dispute with the
21	furnisher pursuant to section
22	623(a)(8); and
23	"(IV) submitting a complaint
24	against the consumer reporting agen-
25	cy or furnishers through the consumer

1	complaint database of the Bureau or
2	the State attorney general for the
3	State in which the consumer resides;";
4	and
5	(C) by striking paragraph (7) and redesig-
6	nating paragraph $(8)$ as paragraph $(7)$ ; and
7	(D) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated,
8	by striking "paragraphs $(2)$ , $(6)$ , and $(7)$ " and
9	inserting "paragraphs (2) and (6)"; and
10	(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11	section:
12	"(h) NOTIFICATION OF DELETION OF INFORMA-
13	TION.—A consumer reporting agency described in section
14	603(p) shall communicate with other consumer reporting
15	agencies described in section 603(p) to ensure that a dis-
16	pute initiated with one consumer reporting agency is noted
17	in a file maintained by such other consumer reporting
18	agencies.".
19	SEC. 5. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.
20	The Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et
21	seq.) is amended—
22	(1) in section 616 (15 U.S.C. 1681n)—
23	(A) in subsection (a), by amending the
24	subsection heading to read as follows: "DAM-
25	AGES'';

1	(B) by redesignating subsections (c) and
2	(d) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and
3	(C) by inserting after subsection (b) the
4	following:
5	"(c) Injunctive Relief.—
6	"(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any other
7	remedy under this section, a court may award in-
8	junctive relief to require compliance with the re-
9	quirements imposed under this title with respect to
10	any consumer.
11	"(2) ATTORNEY'S FEES.—In the event of any
12	successful action for injunctive relief under this sub-
13	section, a court may award to the prevailing party
14	reasonable attorney's fees (as determined by the
15	court) incurred by the prevailing party during the
16	action."; and
17	(2) in section 617 (15 U.S.C. 1681o)—
18	(A) in subsection (a), in the subsection
19	heading, by striking "(a) IN GENERAL.—" and
20	inserting "(a) DAMAGES.—";
21	(B) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
22	section (c); and
23	(C) by inserting after subsection (a) the
24	following:
25	"(b) Injunctive Relief.—

1	"(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any other
2	remedy under this section, a court may award in-
3	junctive relief to require compliance with the re-
4	quirements imposed under this title with respect to
5	any consumer.
6	"(2) ATTORNEY'S FEES.—In the event of any
7	successful action for injunctive relief under this sub-
8	section, a court may award to the prevailing party
9	reasonable attorney's fees (as determined by the
10	court) incurred by the prevailing party during the
11	action.".
12	(3) ENFORCEMENT.—Section $615(h)(8)$ of the
13	Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681m(h)(8))
14	is amended—
15	(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "sec-
16	tion" and inserting "subsection"; and
17	(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking "This
18	section" and inserting "This subsection".
19	SEC. 6. INCREASED TRANSPARENCY.
20	(a) Disclosures to Consumers.—Section 609 of
21	the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681g) is
22	amended—
23	(1) in subsection $(a)(3)(B)$ —
24	(A) in clause (i), by striking "and" at the
25	end; and

1	(B) by striking clause (ii) and inserting the
2	following:
3	"(ii) the address and telephone number of
4	the person; and
5	"(iii) the permissible purpose, as available,
6	of the person for obtaining the consumer re-
7	port, including the specific type of credit prod-
8	uct that is extended, reviewed, or collected, as
9	described in section 604(a)(3)(A).";
10	(2) in subsection (f)—
11	(A) by amending paragraph (7)(A) to read
12	as follows:
13	"(A) supply the consumer with a credit
14	score through the portal established under sec-
15	tion $612(a)(1)(D)$ or upon request by the con-
16	sumer, as applicable, that—
17	"(i) is derived from a credit scoring
18	model that is widely distributed to users by
19	that consumer reporting agency for the
20	purpose of any extension of credit or other
21	transaction designated by the consumer
22	who is requesting the credit score; or
23	"(ii) is widely distributed to lenders of
24	common consumer loan products and pre-

1	dicts the future credit behavior of the con-
2	sumer; and"; and
3	(B) in paragraph (8), by inserting ", ex-
4	cept that a credit score shall be provided free
5	of charge to the consumer if requested in con-
6	nection with a free annual consumer report de-
7	scribed in section 612(a) or through the online
8	consumer portal landing page established under
9	section $612(a)(1)(D)$ " before the period at the
10	end; and
11	(3) in subsection $(g)(1)$ —
12	(A) in subparagraph (A)(ii)—
13	(i) in the clause heading, by striking
14	"SUBPARAGRAPH (D)" and inserting "SUB-
15	PARAGRAPH (C)"; and
16	(ii) by striking "subparagraph (D)"
17	and inserting "subparagraph (C)";
18	(B) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
19	"consistent with subparagraph (C)";
20	(C) by striking subparagraph (C); and
21	(D) by redesignating subparagraphs (D)
22	through (G) as subparagraphs (C) through (F),
23	respectively.
24	(b) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—
25	(1) Adverse information notification.—

1	(A) IN GENERAL.—The Fair Credit Re-
2	porting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) is amend-
3	ed—

4	(i) in section 612 (15 U.S.C. 1681j),
5	by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
6	following:

"(b) FREE DISCLOSURE AFTER NOTICE OF AD-7 8 VERSE ACTION OR OFFER OF CREDIT ON MATERIALLY LESS FAVORABLE TERM.—Not later than 30 days after 9 the date on which a consumer reporting agency receives 10 11 a notification under subsection (a)(2) or (h)(6) of section 615, or from a debt collection agency affiliated with the 12 consumer reporting agency, the consumer reporting agen-13 cy shall make to a consumer, without charge to the con-14 15 sumer, all disclosures that are made to a user of a con-16 sumer report in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Bureau."; and 17

18	(ii)	in	section	615(a)	(15	U.S.C.
19	1681m(a	))—	-			

20	(I) by redesignating paragraphs
21	(2), $(3)$ , and $(4)$ as paragraphs $(3)$ ,
22	(4), and (5), respectively;
23	(II) by inserting after paragraph

24 (1) the following:

1	"(2) direct the consumer reporting agency that
2	provided the consumer report that was used in the
3	decision to take the adverse action to provide the
4	consumer with the disclosures described in section
5	612(b);"; and
6	(III) in paragraph (5), as so re-
7	designated—
8	(aa) in the matter preceding
9	subparagraph (A), by striking
10	"of the consumer's right";
11	(bb) by striking subpara-
12	graph (A) and inserting the fol-
13	lowing:
14	"(A) that the consumer shall receive a
15	copy of the consumer report with respect to the
16	consumer, free of charge, from the consumer
17	reporting agency that furnished the consumer
18	report; and"; and
19	(cc) in subparagraph (B), by
20	inserting "of the right of the con-
21	sumer" before "to dispute".
22	(B) Conforming Amendment.—Section
23	604(b)(2)(B)(i) of the Fair Credit Reporting
24	Act (15 U.S.C. $1681b(b)(2)(B)(i)$ ) is amended

1	by striking "section $615(a)(3)$ " and inserting
2	"section 615(a)(4)".
3	(2) NOTIFICATION IN CASES OF LESS FAVOR-
4	ABLE TERMS.—Section 615(h) of the Fair Credit
5	Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681m(h)) is amended—
6	(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "para-
7	graph (6)" and inserting "paragraph (7)";
8	(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "para-
9	graph (6)" and inserting "paragraph (7)";
10	(C) in paragraph $(5)(C)$ , by striking "may
11	obtain" and inserting "shall receive";
12	(D) by redesignating paragraphs $(6)$ , $(7)$ ,
13	and $(8)$ as paragraphs $(7)$ , $(8)$ , and $(9)$ , respec-
14	tively; and
15	(E) by inserting after paragraph $(5)$ the
16	following:
17	"(6) Reports provided to consumers.—A
18	person who uses a consumer report as described in
19	paragraph (1) shall notify and direct the consumer
20	reporting agency that provided the consumer report
21	to provide the consumer with the disclosures de-
22	scribed in section 612(b).".
23	(3) NOTIFICATION OF SUBSEQUENT SUBMIS-
24	SIONS OF NEGATIVE INFORMATION.—Section
25	623(a)(7)(A)(ii) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act

1 (15 U.S.C. 1681 s - 2(a)(7)(A)(ii)) is amended by 2 striking "with respect to" and all that follows 3 through the period at the end and inserting "without 4 providing additional notice to the consumer, unless 5 another person acquires the right to repayment con-6 nected to the additional negative information. The 7 acquiring person shall be subject to the requirements 8 of this paragraph and shall be required to send con-9 summers the written notices described in this para-10 graph, if applicable.".

#### 11 SEC. 7. CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY REGISTRY.

Section 621 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15
U.S.C. 1681s) is amended by adding at the end the following:

15 "(h) CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY REGISTRY.—
16 "(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF REGISTRY.—Not later
17 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this
18 subsection, the Bureau shall establish a publicly
19 available registry of consumer reporting agencies
20 that includes—

21 "(A) each consumer reporting agency that
22 compiles and maintains files on consumers on a
23 nationwide basis;

24 "(B) each nationwide specialty consumer25 reporting agency;

1	"(C) all other consumer reporting agencies
2	that are not included under section $603(p)$ or
3	603(x); and
4	"(D) links to any relevant websites of a
5	consumer reporting agency described under
6	subparagraphs (A) through (C).
7	"(2) REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT.—The Bu-
8	reau shall establish a deadline, which shall be not
9	later than 270 days after the date of the enactment
10	of this subsection, by which each consumer reporting
11	agency described in paragraph $(1)$ shall be required
12	to register in the registry established under such
13	paragraph.".
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	SEC. 8. AUTHORITY OF BUREAU WITH RESPECT TO CON-
15	SEC. 8. AUTHORITY OF BUREAU WITH RESPECT TO CON- SUMER REPORTING AGENCIES.
15	SUMER REPORTING AGENCIES.
15 16 17	<b>SUMER REPORTING AGENCIES.</b> Section 1024(a)(1) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street
15 16 17 18	SUMER REPORTING AGENCIES. Section 1024(a)(1) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (12 U.S.C.
15 16 17	SUMER REPORTING AGENCIES. Section 1024(a)(1) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (12 U.S.C. 5514(a)(1)) is amended—
15 16 17 18 19	SUMER REPORTING AGENCIES. Section 1024(a)(1) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (12 U.S.C. 5514(a)(1)) is amended— (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking "or" at
15 16 17 18 19 20	SUMER REPORTING AGENCIES. Section 1024(a)(1) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (12 U.S.C. 5514(a)(1)) is amended— (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking "or" at the end;

24 paragraph:

1	"(F) is a consumer reporting agency de-
2	scribed under section 603(p) of the Fair Credit
3	Reporting Act.".
4	SEC. 9. BUREAU STANDARDS FOR PROTECTING NON-
5	PUBLIC INFORMATION.
6	Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (15 U.S.C.
7	6801 et seq.) is amended—
8	(1) in section 501, by adding at the end the fol-
9	lowing new subsection:
10	"(c) Consumer Reporting Agency Safe-
11	GUARDS.—The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection
12	shall establish, by rule, appropriate standards for con-
13	sumer reporting agencies described under section $603(p)$
14	of the Fair Credit Reporting Act relating to administra-
15	tive, technical, and physical safeguards to protect records
16	and information as described in paragraphs (1) through
17	(3) of subsection (b).";
18	(2) in section $504(a)(1)(A)$ , by striking ", ex-
19	cept that the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protec-
20	tion shall not have authority to prescribe regulations
21	with respect to the standards under section 501";
22	and
23	(3) in section $505(a)(8)$ , by inserting ", other
24	than under subsection (c) of section 501" after "sec-
25	tion 501".

# 1SEC. 10. REPORT ON DATA SECURITY RISK ASSESSMENTS2IN EXAMINATIONS OF CONSUMER REPORT-3ING AGENCIES.

4 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-5 ment of this Act, the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection shall assess whether examinations 6 7 conducted by the Director of consumer reporting agencies 8 described under section 603(f) of the Fair Credit Report-9 ing Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(f)) include sufficient processes to addresses any data security risks to the consumers of 10 11 such agencies on which such agencies maintain and compile files. Along with the first semiannual report required 12 under section 1016(b) of the Consumer Financial Protec-13 tion Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5496(b)) to be submitted 14 after the 90-day period after the date of the enactment 15 of this Act, the Director shall submit to Congress a report 16 17 containing the results of such assessment that includes— 18 (1) recommendations for improving the proc-19 esses to addresses any such data security risks; and 20 (2) the progress of the Director on making any 21 improvements described under paragraph (1). 22 SEC. 11. GAO STUDY ON THE USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

23 NUMBERS.

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
States shall carry out a study on the feasibility and means
of consumer reporting agencies replacing the use of social

security numbers as identifiers with another type of Fed eral identification.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the 2-year
4 period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,
5 the Comptroller General shall issue a report to the Con6 gress containing all findings and determinations made in
7 carrying out the study required under subsection (a).

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