

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**H. R.** _____

To require the Secretaries of Housing and Urban Development and Agriculture to submit annual reports to the Congress regarding dwelling units in assisted housing that fail property inspections, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Housing Inspections
5 Accountability Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORTS AND DATABASE REGARDING**
2 **FAILED INSPECTIONS.**

3 (a) REPORTS.—

4 (1) CONTENTS.—Not later than the expiration
5 of the 12-month period beginning on the date of the
6 enactment of this Act and annually thereafter, the
7 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and
8 the Secretary of Agriculture shall jointly submit to
9 the Committee on Financial Services of the House of
10 Representatives and the Committee on Banking,
11 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate a re-
12 port—

13 (A) identifying—

14 (i) all inspections of covered dwelling
15 units conducted during the preceding 12
16 months that resulted in a failing or unsat-
17 isfactory score for the dwelling unit;

18 (ii) the program under which such
19 dwelling unit was assisted at the time of
20 the inspection;

21 (iii) the defects and violations identi-
22 fied by the inspection and the status of re-
23 mediation with respect to such defects and
24 violations; and

25 (iv) the number of households in such
26 dwelling units on waiting lists to be moved

1 to a different unit, the reasons they need
2 a different unit, the duration that they
3 have been on such a waiting list, and the
4 typical duration before a household on
5 such a waiting list is moved to a different
6 unit; and

7 (B) including such other information that
8 either such Secretary considers relevant.

9 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each Secretary identified
10 in paragraph (1) shall make the reports submitted
11 pursuant to such paragraph publicly available online
12 and shall ensure that the reports do not include any
13 personally identifiable information.

14 (3) COVERED DWELLING UNIT.—For purposes
15 of this subsection, the term “covered dwelling unit”
16 means any dwelling unit provided rental assistance
17 under a rental assistance program administered by
18 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or
19 the Secretary of Agriculture.

20 (b) DATABASE.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the expira-
22 tion of the 12-month period beginning on the date
23 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries identi-
24 fied in subsection (a)(1) shall jointly develop, and
25 make publicly available online, a searchable database

1 that enables the public to search, find, and download
2 data regarding the inspection status and scores of
3 individual housing projects provided rental assist-
4 ance under a rental assistance program administered
5 by either such Secretary, information regarding de-
6 fects identified in individual housing projects. and
7 information regarding whether such defects have
8 been resolved.

9 (2) UPDATING.—The Secretaries identified in
10 subsection (a)(1) shall—

11 (A) update the information in the database
12 developed pursuant to paragraph (1) regularly
13 to reflect current information regarding the sta-
14 tus and inspection scores for individual housing
15 projects; and

16 (B) ensure that the database is updated
17 with any newly determined score for a project
18 not later than 30 days after such score is deter-
19 mined.

20 (3) PRIVACY PROTECTION.—The database de-
21 veloped pursuant to paragraph (1) shall not make
22 available any personally identifiable information.