

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 8476
OFFERED BY MS. OCASIO-CORTEZ OF NEW YORK**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Housing Inspections
3 Accountability Act of 2022”.

**4 SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORTS AND DATABASE REGARDING
5 FAILED INSPECTIONS.**

6 (a) REPORTS.—

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

16 (A) identifying—

17 (i) all inspections of covered prop-
18 erties (as such term is defined in sub-

1 section (d)) conducted during the pre-
2 ceding 12 months that resulted in a failing
3 score for the property;

4 (ii) the program under which such
5 property was assisted at the time of the in-
6 spection;

7 (iii) the defects and violations identi-
8 fied by the inspection and the status of re-
9 mediation with respect to such defects and
10 violations;

11 (iv) the number of households in such
12 properties on waiting lists to be moved to
13 a different unit, the reasons they need a
14 different unit, the duration that they have
15 been on such a waiting list; and

16 (v) the number of covered properties
17 with a failing score that have requested an
18 appeal and the share of covered properties
19 that were granted an appeal; and

20 (B) including such other information that
21 either such Secretary considers relevant.

22 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each Secretary identified
23 in paragraph (1) shall make the reports submitted
24 pursuant to such paragraph publicly available online

1 and shall ensure that the reports do not include any
2 personally identifiable information.

3 (b) DATABASE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the expira-
5 tion of the 12-month period beginning on the date
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries identi-
7 fied in subsection (a)(1) shall, by regulations issued
8 jointly by such Secretaries, develop and make pub-
9 licly available online a searchable database that en-
10 ables the public to search, find, and download data
11 regarding the inspection status and scores of indi-
12 vidual housing projects provided rental assistance
13 under a rental assistance program administered by
14 either such Secretary, information regarding defects
15 identified in individual housing projects, information
16 regarding whether such defects have been resolved,
17 and any other information such Secretaries consider
18 appropriate.

19 (2) UPDATING.—The Secretaries identified in
20 subsection (a)(1) shall—

21 (A) update the information in the database
22 developed pursuant to paragraph (1) regularly
23 to reflect current information regarding the sta-
24 tus and inspection scores for individual housing
25 projects; and

1 (B) ensure that the database is updated
2 with any newly determined score for a project
3 not later than 30 days after such score is deter-
4 mined.

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

8 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
9 There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as
10 may be necessary for the establishment, mainte-
11 nance, and updating of the database under this sub-
12 section.

13 (c) SYSTEMS EVALUATION.—

14 (1) EVALUATION.—The Secretaries identified in
15 subsection (a)(1) shall jointly carry out an evalua-
16 tion of the existing procedures and systems involved
17 with physical inspections and management of cov-
18 ered properties.

19 (2) REPORT.—Not later than the expiration of
20 the 12-month period beginning on the date of the
21 enactment of this Act, the Secretaries identified in
22 subsection (a)(1) shall submit a report to the Con-
23 gress regarding such evaluation, which shall identify
24 and describe improvements to such procedures and
25 systems to improve property outcomes and reduce

1 compliance burdens for owners of covered properties
2 and staff of the Department of Housing and Urban
3 Development.

4 (d) COVERED PROPERTY.—For purposes of this sec-
5 tion, the term “covered property” means any housing
6 project that is provided rental assistance under a rental
7 assistance program administered by the Secretary of
8 Housing and Urban Development or the Secretary of Agri-
9 culture.

