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To amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to provide for certain claims related to atmospheric testing, and for other purposes.

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Mr. MOYLAN 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 “Radiation Exposure
5 Compensation Reauthorization Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLAIMS RELATED TO ATMOSPHERIC TESTING.**

2 Section 4 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation
3 Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1)(A)(i)—

7 (i) in subclause (I), by striking
8 “1962” in each place it appears and in-
9 serting “1992”;

10 (ii) in subclause (III)—

11 (I) by striking “1962” in each
12 place it appears and inserting “1992”;
13 and

14 (II) by striking “or” at the end;

15 (iii) by striking subclause (IV); and

16 (iv) by inserting after subclause (III)

17 the following

18 “(IV) was physically present in
19 an affected area—

20 “(aa) for a period of at least
21 1 year during the period begin-
22 ning on July 1, 1946, and ending
23 on November 6, 1992; or

24 “(bb) for the period begin-
25 ning on April 25, 1962, and end-
26 ing on November 6, 1962; or

1 “(V) participated—

2 “(aa) onsite in a test involv-
3 ing the atmospheric detonation of
4 a nuclear device; or

5 “(bb) onsite in the radio-
6 logical cleanup of Enewetak Atoll
7 during the period beginning on
8 January 1, 1977, and ending on
9 December 31, 1980; or

10 “(cc) onsite in the response
11 effort following the collision of a
12 United States Air Force B-52
13 bomber and refueling aircraft
14 that caused the release of four
15 thermonuclear weapons in the vi-
16 cinity of Palomares, Spain, dur-
17 ing the period beginning January
18 17, 1966, and ending March 31,
19 1967; or

20 “(dd) onsite in the response
21 effort following the on-board fire
22 and crash of a United States Air
23 Force B-52 bomber that caused
24 the release of four thermonuclear
25 weapons in the vicinity of Thule

1 Air Force Base, Greenland, dur-
2 ing the period beginning January
3 21, 1968, and ending September
4 25, 1968;

5 “(VI) is a member of the peti-
6 tioner cohort; and”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (2)—

8 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
9 “1962” each place it appears and inserting
10 “1992”;

11 (ii) in subparagraph (C)—

12 (I) by striking “1962” each place
13 it appears and inserting “1992”

14 (II) by striking “or” at the end;

15 (iii) by redesignating subparagraph
16 (D) as subparagraph (F); and

17 (iv) by inserting after subparagraph
18 (C) the following:

19 “(D) was physically present in an affected
20 area—

21 “(i) for a period of at least 1 year
22 during the period beginning on July 1,
23 1946, and ending on November 6, 1992; or

1 “(ii) for the period beginning on April
2 25, 1962, and ending on November 6,
3 1962;

4 “(E) is a member of the petitioner cohort;
5 or”; and

6 (2) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

9 (I) in the matter preceding clause
10 (i), by striking “subparagraph (B)”
11 and inserting “subparagraphs (B) and
12 (C)”;

13 (II) in clause (i), by striking
14 “and Idaho” and inserting “Idaho,
15 Colorado, and Montana”;

16 (III) in clause (ii), by striking “,
17 the counties of White Pine, Nye,
18 Lander, Lincoln, Eureka, and that
19 portion of Clark County that consists
20 of townships 13 through 16 at ranges
21 63 through 71”;

22 (IV) in clause (iii), by striking “,
23 the counties of Coconino, Yavapai,
24 Navajo, Apache, and Gila, and Mo-
25 have”; and

1 (V) by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(iv) the territory of Guam; and”; and

4 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(C) with respect to a claim by an indi-
7 vidual under subsection (a)(1)(A)(i)(IV) or
8 (a)(2)(D), only Guam.”; and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) ‘petitioner cohort’” means a class of indi-
11 viduals designated pursuant to section 7 of this
12 Act.”.

13 **SEC. 3. MANHATTAN PROJECT WASTE.**

14 Section 5A of the Radiation Exposure Compensation
15 Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note), as added
16 by section 110204 of Public Law 119–21, is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (d)(1), to read as follows:

18 “(1) in the State of Missouri, the ZIP Codes of
19 63031, 63033, 63034, 63042, 63045, 63074, 63106,
20 63107, 63112, 63113, 63114, 63115, 63120, 63133,
21 63135, 63136, 63137, 63138, 63044, 63121, 63140,
22 63145, 63147, 63102, 63304, 63134, 63043, 63341,
23 63368, and 63367;”;

24 (2) in subsection (d)(3), by striking “; and”
25 and inserting a semicolon;

1 (3) in subsection (d)(4), by striking the period
2 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

3 (4) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 “(5) in the State of Illinois, the ZIP Code of
6 62060;

7 “(6) in the State of Washington, the ZIP Codes
8 of 98832, 98837, 98857, 98930, 98944, 98948,
9 98951, 98952, 99105, 99144, 99159, 99169, 99301,
10 99320, 99321, 99323, 99324, 99326, 99330, 99333,
11 99335, 99336, 99337, 99338, 99341, 99343, 99344,
12 99345, 99346, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99352, 99353,
13 99354, 99357, 99359, 99360, 99361, 99362, 99363,
14 and 99371;

15 “(7) in the State of Colorado, the Zip Codes of
16 80002, 80003, 80004, 80005, 80007, 80025, 80020,
17 80021, 80023, 80026, 80027, 80030, 80031, 80033,
18 80202, 80203, 80204, 80205, 80206, 80207, 80209,
19 80210, 80211, 80212, 80216, 80218, 80220, 80221,
20 80222, 80223, 80224, 80229, 80230, 80231, 80233,
21 80234, 80241, 80246, 80247, 80260, 80266, 80303,
22 80305, 80403, 80601, 80602, 80603, 80621, 80640,
23 81212, 81215, 81221, 81226, 81240, 81244, 81246,
24 and 81290; and

1 “(8) in the State of Ohio, the Zip Codes of
2 45613, 45648, 45661, 45690.”;

3 (5) in subsection (a)(2)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;
5 and” and inserting “and contracted a specified
6 disease after such period of physical presence;
7 or”; and

8 (B) by amending subparagraph (B) to read
9 as follows:

10 “(B) is a member of the petitioner co-
11 hort.”; and

12 (6) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(h) PETITIONER COHORT.—The term ‘petitioner co-
14 hort’” means a class of individuals designated pursuant
15 to section 7 of this Act.”.

16 **SEC. 4. ADJUSTMENT IN COMPENSATION.**

17 (a) DOWNWINDER CLAIMS.—Section 4(a) of the Ra-
18 diation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101–
19 426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking
21 “\$100,000” and inserting “\$150,000 in addition to
22 the total amount of compensation for which the indi-
23 vidual is eligible under paragraph (5)”;

24 (2) in paragraph (2)(F) (as redesignated by
25 this Act), by striking “\$100,000” and inserting

1 “\$150,000 in addition to the total amount of com-
2 pensation for which the individual is eligible under
3 paragraph (5)”; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(5) MEDICAL BENEFITS.—An individual re-
6 ceiving a payment under this section shall be eligible
7 to receive, upon submission of contemporaneous
8 written medical records, reports, or billing state-
9 ments created by or at the direction of a licensed
10 medical professional who provided contemporaneous
11 medical care to the claimant, additional compensa-
12 tion in the amount of all documented out-of-pocket
13 medical expenses incurred as a result of the specified
14 disease suffered by that claimant, such as any med-
15 ical expenses not covered, paid for, or reimbursed
16 through—

17 “(A) any public or private health insur-
18 ance;

19 “(B) any employee health insurance;

20 “(C) any workers’ compensation program;

21 or

22 “(D) any other public, private, or employee
23 health program or benefit.”.

24 (b) MANHATTAN PROJECT WASTE CLAIMS.—Section
25 5A of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public

1 Law 101–425; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended in sub-
2 section (b)(1) by striking “in an amount that is the great-
3 er of \$50,000 or the total amount of compensation for
4 which the individual is eligible under paragraph (2).” and
5 inserting “\$150,000 in addition to the total amount of
6 compensation for which the individual is eligible under
7 paragraph (2).”.

8 (c) MANHATTAN PROJECT WASTE CLAIMS PAY-
9 MENTS TO BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED INDIVID-
10 UALS.—Section 5A of the Radiation Exposure Compensa-
11 tion Act (Public Law 101–425; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is
12 amended in subsection (c) by striking “\$25,000” in each
13 instance it appears and inserting “\$150,000”.

14 **SEC. 5. AFFIDAVITS.**

15 Section 6(b) of the Radiation Exposure Compensa-
16 tion Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is
17 amended by adding at the end the following:

18 “(3) AFFIDAVITS.—

19 “(A) EMPLOYMENT HISTORY.—For pur-
20 poses of this Act, the Attorney General shall ac-
21 cept a written affidavit or declaration as evi-
22 dence to substantiate the employment of an in-
23 dividual as a miner, miller, core driller, or ore
24 transporter if the affidavit—

1 “(i) is provided in addition to the
2 other material that may be used to sub-
3 stantiate the employment history of the in-
4 dividual;

5 “(ii) attests to the employment history
6 of the individual;

7 “(iii) is made subject to the penalty
8 for perjury; and

9 “(iv) is made by a person other than
10 the individual filing the claim.

11 “(B) PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN AFFECTED
12 AREA.—For purposes of this Act, the Attorney
13 General shall accept a written affidavit or dec-
14 laration as evidence to substantiate an individ-
15 ual’s physical presence in an affected area dur-
16 ing a period described in section 4(a)(1)(A)(i)
17 or section 4(a)(2) if the affidavit—

18 “(i) is provided in addition to other
19 material that may be used to substantiate
20 the individual’s presence in an affected
21 area during that time period;

22 “(ii) attests to the individual’s pres-
23 ence in an affected area during that pe-
24 riod;

1 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
2 perjury; and

3 “(iv) is made by a person other than
4 the individual filing the claim.

5 “(C) PARTICIPATION AT TESTING SITE.—
6 For purposes of this Act, the Attorney General
7 shall accept a written affidavit or declaration as
8 evidence to substantiate an individual’s partici-
9 pation onsite in a test involving the atmospheric
10 detonation of a nuclear device if the affidavit—

11 “(i) is provided in addition to other
12 material that may be used to substantiate
13 the individual’s participation onsite in a
14 test involving the atmospheric detonation
15 of a nuclear device;

16 “(ii) attests to the individual’s partici-
17 pation onsite in a test involving the atmos-
18 pheric detonation of a nuclear device;

19 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
20 perjury; and

21 “(iv) is made by a person other than
22 the individual filing the claim.

23 “(D) PARTICIPATION IN CLEANUP.—For
24 purposes of this Act, the Attorney General shall
25 accept a written affidavit or declaration as evi-

1 dence to substantiate an individual's participa-
2 tion onsite in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll
3 during the period beginning on January 1,
4 1977, and ending on December 31, 1980, if the
5 affidavit—

6 “(i) is provided in addition to other
7 material that may be used to substantiate
8 the individual's participation onsite in the
9 cleanup of Enewetak Atoll during such pe-
10 riod;

11 “(ii) attests to the individual's partici-
12 pation onsite in the cleanup of Enewetak
13 Atoll during such period;

14 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
15 perjury; and

16 “(iv) is made by a person other than
17 the individual filing the claim.

18 “(E) PARTICIPATION IN PALOMARES RE-
19 SPONSE EFFORT.—For purposes of this Act,
20 the Attorney General shall accept a written affi-
21 davit or declaration as evidence to substantiate
22 an individual's participation onsite in the re-
23 sponse effort following the collision of a United
24 States Air Force B-52 bomber and refueling
25 aircraft that caused the release of four thermo-

1 nuclear weapons in the vicinity of Palomares,
2 Spain during the period beginning January 17,
3 1966, and ending March 31, 1967, if the affi-
4 davit—

5 “(i) is provided in addition to other
6 material that may be used to substantiate
7 the individual’s participation onsite in such
8 response effort during such period;

9 “(ii) attests to the individual’s partici-
10 pation onsite in such response effort dur-
11 ing such period;

12 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
13 perjury; and

14 “(iv) is made by a person other than
15 the individual filing the claim.

16 “(F) PARTICIPATION IN THULE RESPONSE
17 EFFORT.—For purposes of this Act, the Attor-
18 ney General shall accept a written affidavit or
19 declaration as evidence to substantiate an indi-
20 vidual’s participation onsite in the response ef-
21 fort following the on-board fire and crash of a
22 United States Air Force B–52 bomber that
23 caused the release of four thermonuclear weap-
24 ons in the vicinity of Thule, Greenland during

1 the period beginning January 21, 1968, and
2 ending September 25, 1968, if the affidavit—

3 “(i) is provided in addition to other
4 material that may be used to substantiate
5 the individual’s participation onsite in such
6 response effort during such period;

7 “(ii) attests to the individual’s partici-
8 pation onsite in such response effort dur-
9 ing such period;

10 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
11 perjury; and

12 “(iv) is made by a person other than
13 the individual filing the claim.

14 “(G) COMPENSABLE DISEASES.—For pur-
15 poses of this Act, the Attorney General shall ac-
16 cept a written affidavit or declaration as evi-
17 dence to substantiate an individual’s contrac-
18 tion of one of the cancers and diseases enumer-
19 ated in section 4(b)(2), section 5(a)(1)(A)(ii),
20 section 5(b)(3), section 5(b)(6), or section
21 5A(e), if the affidavit—

22 “(i) is provided in addition to other
23 material that may be used to substantiate
24 the individual’s contraction of such cancer
25 or diseases;

1 “(ii) attests to the individual’s con-
2 traction of such cancer or diseases;
3 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
4 perjury; and
5 “(iv) is made by a person other than
6 the individual filing the claim.”.

7 **SEC. 6. CLAIMS SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER.**

8 (a) ADDITION OF AUTHORIZED AGENT AS ELIGIBLE
9 TO FILE CLAIMS RELATING TO MANHATTAN PROJECT
10 WASTE.—Section 5A(a)(1)(B) of the Radiation Exposure
11 Compensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210
12 note) is amended to read as follows:

13 “(B) any survivors or representatives of
14 the individual described in section 6(a) and sec-
15 tion 6(c)(4)(A).”.

16 (b) ADDITION OF AUTHORIZED AGENT AS ELIGIBLE
17 TO FILE CLAIMS RELATING TO MANHATTAN PROJECT
18 WASTE ON BEHALF OF A DECEASED CHILD.—Section
19 5A(c) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Pub-
20 lic Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph 1 by striking “or” at the end;
22 (2) in paragraph 2 by striking the period at the
23 end and inserting “; or”; and
24 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(3) any surviving parent or representatives of
2 the individual described in section 6(a) and section
3 6(c)(4)(A).”.

4 (c) ESTABLISHING FILING PROCEDURES.—Section
5 6(a) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public
6 Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF FILING PROCEDURES.—
9 The Attorney General shall establish procedures whereby
10 individuals may submit claims for payments under this
11 Act. In establishing procedures under this subsection, the
12 Attorney General shall—

13 “(1) take into account and make allowances for
14 the law, tradition, and customs of Indian Tribes (as
15 that term is defined in section 5(b)) and members
16 of Indian Tribes, to the maximum extent practicable;
17 and

18 “(2) accept claims filed by—

19 “(A) an exposed individual;

20 “(B) survivors of such an individual as set
21 forth in section 6(c)(4)(A); or

22 “(C) an authorized agent (as such term is
23 defined in subsection (c)(4)(C)) of such an indi-
24 vidual, if the individual is deceased or incapaci-
25 tated.”.

1 (d) DEFINING AUTHORIZED AGENT.—Section
2 6(c)(4)(C) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
3 (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amend-
4 ed—

5 (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (iv);

6 (2) by striking the period at the end of clause

7 (v) and inserting “; and”; and

8 (3) by adding to the end the following:

9 “(vi) an ‘authorized agent’ of an indi-
10 vidual is—

11 “(I) an executor or a conservator
12 of the estate of the individual;

13 “(II) a legal guardian, a personal
14 representative, or a conservator of the
15 individual;

16 “(III) a personal representative
17 or a conservator of a legal guardian of
18 the individual; or

19 “(IV) a person that the Attorney
20 General determines is similarly situ-
21 ated to a person described in sub-
22 clauses (I) through (III).”.

23 **SEC. 7. COMPENSABLE CANCERS AND DISEASES.**

24 The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public
25 Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended—

1 (1) in section 4(b), by amending paragraph (2)
2 to read as follows:

3 “(2) ‘specified disease’ means leukemia (includ-
4 ing chronic lymphocytic leukemia), provided the
5 onset of the disease was at least 2 years after first
6 exposure, and the following diseases, provided onset
7 was at least 2 years after first exposure: multiple
8 myeloma, lymphomas (other than Hodgkin’s dis-
9 ease), renal disease, thyroid diseases, and primary
10 cancer of the: thyroid, male or female breast, esoph-
11 agus, stomach, pharynx, small intestine, pancreas,
12 bile ducts, gall bladder, salivary gland, urinary blad-
13 der, brain, colon, ovary, liver (except if cirrhosis or
14 hepatitis B is indicated), bone, renal, rectal, pros-
15 tate, uterine, cervical, skin, or lung.”; and

16 (2) in section 5A(e)(2)—

17 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as
18 subparagraph (E);

19 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
20 the following:

21 “(C) Renal disease.

22 “(D) Thyroid disease.”; and

23 (C) in subparagraph (E), as so redesign-
24 nated—

- 1 (i) in clause (xvii), by striking “or” at
2 the end;
3 (ii) in clause (xviii), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting a semi-
5 colon; and
6 (iii) by inserting at the end the fol-
7 lowing:
8 “(xix) rectal;
9 “(xx) prostate;
10 “(xxi) uterine;
11 “(xxii) cervical; or
12 “(xxiii) skin.”.

13 **SEC. 8. EXTENSION OF FUND; EXTENSION OF LIMITATIONS**
14 **ON CLAIMS.**

15 (a) EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF FUND.—Sec-
16 tion 3(d) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
17 (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended
18 by striking “2028” and inserting “2043”.

19 (b) EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON CLAIMS.—Sec-
20 tion 9(a) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
21 (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) (as redesign-
22 nated by section 10 of this Act) is amended by striking
23 “2027” and inserting “2042”.

1 **SEC. 9. PREVIOUSLY SUCCESSFUL CLAIMS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—After the date of enactment of
3 this Act, any claimant who received compensation under
4 the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law
5 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) may submit a request to
6 the Attorney General for additional compensation and
7 benefits. Such request shall contain—

8 (1) the claimant’s name, social security number,
9 and date of birth;

10 (2) the amount of award received under the Ra-
11 diation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law
12 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) before the date of
13 enactment of this Act;

14 (3) any additional benefits and compensation
15 sought through such request; and

16 (4) any additional information required by the
17 Attorney General.

18 (b) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.—If the claimant
19 received compensation under the Radiation Exposure
20 Compensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210
21 note) before the date of enactment of this Act and submits
22 a request described in subsection (a), the Attorney General
23 shall—

24 (1) pay the claimant the amount that is equal
25 to any excess of—

1 (A) the amount the claimant is eligible to
2 receive under the Radiation Exposure Com-
3 pensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C.
4 2210 note) as amended by this Act; minus

5 (B) the aggregate amount paid to the
6 claimant under the Radiation Exposure Com-
7 pensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C.
8 2210 note) before the date of enactment of this
9 Act; and

10 (2) in any case in which the claimant was com-
11 pensated under section 4 of the Radiation Exposure
12 Compensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C.
13 2210 note), provide the claimant with medical bene-
14 fits under section 4(a)(5) of the Radiation Exposure
15 Compensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C.
16 2210 note).

17 **SEC. 10. ADDITIONAL CLASSES OF INDIVIDUALS AS ELIGI-**
18 **BLE APPLICANTS; ESTABLISHMENT OF DIS-**
19 **CRETIONARY AUTHORITY.**

20 (a) **LEUKEMIA AGE RESTRICTIONS.**—Section
21 5A(e)(1) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
22 (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended
23 by striking “the initial exposure occurred after 20 years
24 of age and”.

1 (b) PHYSICAL PRESENCE REQUIREMENTS.—Section
2 5A(f)(1) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
3 (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amend-
4 ed—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A) by striking “2 years”
6 and inserting “1 year”; and

7 (2) in subparagraph (B) by striking “2 years”
8 and inserting “1 year.

9 (c) AUTHORITY.—The Radiation Exposure Com-
10 pensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210
11 note) is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating sections 7 through 13 as
13 sections 8 through 14, respectively; and

14 (2) by inserting after section 6 the following:

15 **“SEC. 7. DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL CLASSES OF INDIVIDUALS.**
16

17 **“(a) ADVICE ON ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS.—**

18 **“(1) The Attorney General shall advise the**
19 **President whether there is a class of individuals who**
20 **likely were exposed to radiation as a result of atmos-**
21 **pheric nuclear testing, uranium mining, uranium**
22 **milling, uranium core drilling, or Manhattan Project**
23 **waste disposal but who are not currently eligible for**
24 **compensation under this Act.**

1 “(2) The advice of the Attorney General under
2 paragraph (1) shall be based on exposure assess-
3 ments by radiation health professionals, information
4 provided by the Department of Energy, the Depart-
5 ment of Defense, and the Department of Health and
6 Human Services and such other information as the
7 Attorney General considers appropriate.

8 “(3) The President shall request advice under
9 paragraph (1) after consideration of petitions by
10 classes of individuals described in that paragraph for
11 such advice. The President shall consider such peti-
12 tions pursuant to procedures established by the
13 President.

14 “(b) DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS.—
15 Subject to the provisions of this Act, the members of a
16 class of individuals who likely were exposed to radiation
17 as a result of atmospheric nuclear testing, uranium min-
18 ing, uranium milling, uranium core drilling, or Manhattan
19 Project waste disposal, may be treated as members of the
20 petitioner cohort eligible under an existing claimant cat-
21 egory, or if needed, a new claimant category for purposes
22 of the compensation program if the President, upon rec-
23 ommendation of the Attorney General, determines that—

24 “(1) such class of individuals are not currently
25 covered under this Act;

1 “(2) there is a reasonable likelihood that such
2 radiation dose may have endangered the health of
3 members of the class; and

4 “(3) such a determination is aligned with the
5 purposes of this Act.

6 “(c) DEADLINES.—

7 “(1) Not later than 180 days after the date on
8 which the President receives a petition for designa-
9 tion as members of the petitioner cohort, the Sec-
10 retary of Energy and the Secretary of Health and
11 Human Services shall submit to the Attorney Gen-
12 eral a recommendation on that petition, including all
13 supporting documentation.

14 “(2) Upon receipt by the President of a rec-
15 ommendation of the Attorney General that the
16 President should determine in the affirmative that
17 paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) apply to a
18 class, the President shall have a period of 30 days
19 in which to determine whether such paragraphs
20 apply to the class and to submit that determination
21 (whether affirmative or negative) to Congress.”.

1 **SEC. 11. STUDY OF RADIOLOGICAL FALLOUT IMPACTS IN**
2 **THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN**
3 **MARIANA ISLANDS.**

4 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 18 months
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of Energy, in consultation with the Administrator of the
7 National Nuclear Security Administration, the Secretary
8 of Health and Human Services, the heads of other rel-
9 evant Federal departments and agencies, and the National
10 Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, shall
11 conduct a study to determine the extent to which radio-
12 active fallout resulting from atmospheric nuclear weapons
13 testing conducted by the United States in the Pacific
14 Proving Grounds, including the Marshall Islands, during
15 the period beginning in 1946 and ending in 1962 (in this
16 section referred to as “covered testing”) may have affected
17 residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
18 Islands.

19 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study under subsection (a)
20 shall include—

21 (1) a review of historical records, meteorological
22 data, environmental monitoring data, fallout mod-
23 eling, declassified documents, and other relevant in-
24 formation relating to covered testing;

25 (2) an assessment of the extent to which radio-
26 active fallout resulting from covered testing reached

1 inhabited areas of the Commonwealth of the North-
2 ern Mariana Islands, including Saipan, Tinian, and
3 Rota;

4 (3) an evaluation of potential radiation doses
5 received by individuals residing in the Common-
6 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands during the
7 period specified in subsection (a) as a result of cov-
8 ered testing, and any associated health risks;

9 (4) an identification of any gaps in available
10 data necessary to assess historical radiation expo-
11 sure experienced by such individuals, and rec-
12 ommendations for additional research necessary to
13 address such gaps;

14 (5) an assessment of whether the levels of radi-
15 ation exposure identified pursuant to paragraph (3)
16 would be comparable to radiation exposure levels ex-
17 perienced by populations eligible, or previously eligi-
18 ble, for compensation under the Radiation Exposure
19 Compensation Act (Public Law 101-426; 42 U.S.C.
20 2210 note); and

21 (6) a determination of whether the available
22 evidence supports extending eligibility for compensa-
23 tion under such Act, or any successor compensation
24 program, to individuals who resided in the Common-

1 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands during the
2 period specified in subsection (a).

3 (c) REPORT.—

4 (1) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
5 18 months after the date of the enactment of this
6 Act, the Secretary of Energy shall submit to the ap-
7 propriate congressional committees a report con-
8 taining the findings and recommendations of the
9 study under subsection (a).

10 (2) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1)
11 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
12 clude a classified annex.

13 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary of
14 Energy shall make the unclassified portion of the re-
15 port under paragraph (1) publicly available on a
16 website of the Department of Energy.

17 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
18 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
19 gressional committees” means—

20 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
21 Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on En-
22 ergy and Commerce, and the Committee on Natural
23 Resources of the House of Representatives; and

1 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
2 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on
3 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

4 **SEC. 12. STUDIES AND INFORMATION ON HEALTH OF RECA**
5 **CLAIMANTS AND DESCENDANTS.**

6 (a) NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH STUDY ON
7 QUALIFIED CANCERS.—

8 (1) STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of
10 the National Institutes of Health shall conduct a
11 study to evaluate the health, specifically with respect
12 to qualified cancer incident rates, among covered de-
13 scendants.

14 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the
15 date on which the study under paragraph (1) is
16 completed, the Director of the National Institutes of
17 Health shall submit to the Congress a report on
18 such study.

19 (b) NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH STUDY ON
20 QUALIFIED THYROID ILLNESS.—

21 (1) STUDY.—Not Later than 90 days after the
22 date of the enactment of this act, the director of the
23 National Institutes of Health shall conduct a study
24 to evaluate the health, specifically with respect to
25 qualified thyroid illness, among—

1 (A) qualified individuals and covered de-
2 scendants; and

3 (B) qualified individuals who participated
4 in any study for which a Federal agency was
5 the sponsor, relating to radiation exposure and
6 related illness.

7 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the
8 date on which the study under paragraph (1) is
9 completed, the Director of the National Institutes of
10 health shall submit to the Congress a report on such
11 study.

12 (c) COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ENTITIES.—In
13 carrying out the studies described in subsection (a) and
14 subsection (b), the Director of the National Institutes of
15 Health may enter into agreements with the Secretary of
16 Defense, the Secretary of Energy, the heads of other rel-
17 evant Federal departments and agencies, and the National
18 Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine.

19 (c) DATABASE ON INTERNATIONAL RADIATION EX-
20 POSURE.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the en-
21 actment of this Act, the Director of the National Institutes
22 of Health, in consultation with the Secretary of State,
23 shall seek to enter into a partnership or partnerships with
24 relevant foreign health ministries and organizations under
25 which such the Director and such ministries and organiza-

1 tions will establish an international information system
2 tracking the various studies on international radiation ex-
3 posure and identifying populations of interest for addi-
4 tional study.

5 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated such funds as are need-
7 ed to carry out this section, for the period of fiscal years
8 2027 through 2032, to remain available until expended.

9 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

10 (1) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “quali-
11 fied individual” means an individual who—

12 (A) is described in—

13 (i) subsection (a)(1)(A)(i) of section 4
14 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation
15 Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210
16 note);

17 (ii) subsection (a) of section 5 of the
18 Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
19 (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210
20 note); or

21 (iii) section 5A of the Radiation Expo-
22 sure Compensation Act (Public Law 101–
23 426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note); and

24 (B) has received payment pursuant to a
25 claim submitted under the Radiation Exposure

1 Compensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42
2 U.S.C. 2210 note).

3 (2) COVERED DESCENDANT.—The term “cov-
4 ered descendant” means a direct descendant of an
5 individual described in paragraph (1).

6 (3) QUALIFIED CANCER.—The term qualified
7 cancer means any cancer that is listed as a specified
8 diseases under section 4(b), section 5(a)(ii), or sec-
9 tion 5A(e) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation
10 Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note)
11 and such other cancer as may be specified by the
12 Secretary of Health and Human Services.

13 (4) QUALIFIED THYROID ILLNESSES.—The
14 term “qualified thyroid illness” means any illness re-
15 lating to the thyroid that is listed as a specified dis-
16 eases under section 4(b) or section 5A(e) of the Ra-
17 diation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law
18 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) and such other ill-
19 ness relating to the thyroid as may be specified by
20 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

21 (f) NATIONAL RADIATION EXPOSURE SCREENING
22 AND EDUCATION PROGRAM.—Section 527C(b)(1) of the
23 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285a-9(b)(1)) is
24 amended by inserting “or a covered descendent (as defined

1 in section 12(e) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation
2 Reauthorization Act of 2026” after “note)”.

3 **SEC. 13. RESEP CLINICS; ADDITIONAL FUNDS.**

4 (a) GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS.—
5 The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting
6 through the Administrator of the Health Resources and
7 Services Administration, shall, to the extent practicable,
8 take the steps necessary to ensure that grants awarded
9 under section 527C(b)(1) of the Public Health Service Act
10 (42 U.S.C. 285a-9(b)(1)) are distributed to applicants as
11 follows:

12 (1) At least 3 in Utah, including at least one
13 in the northern counties of Utah.

14 (2) At least one in Idaho.

15 (3) At least 3 in Arizona, including at least one
16 in the southern counties of Arizona.

17 (4) At least 2 in Nevada.

18 (5) At least 2 in Colorado.

19 (6) At least one in Montana.

20 (7) At least one in Missouri.

21 (8) At least one in Kentucky.

22 (9) At least one in Tennessee.

23 (10) At least one in Guam.

24 (11) At least one in the eastern counties of
25 Washington.

1 (12) At least one in the southern counties of
2 Ohio.

3 (13) At least 2 in New Mexico.

4 (b) MOBILE CLINICS.—In addition to the require-
5 ments under subsection (a), the Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the
7 Health Resources and Services Administration, shall, to
8 the extent practicable, ensure that no less than four
9 awards are made to applicants who propose the operation
10 of mobile units in rural areas located in one of the States
11 or U.S. territories listed in subsection (a).

12 (c) APPROPRIATIONS.—There is hereby appropriated
13 the following amounts to carry out this section:

14 (1) \$11,500,000 for Fiscal Year 2027.

15 (2) \$11,879,000 for Fiscal Year 2028.

16 (3) \$12,270,000 for Fiscal Year 2029.

17 (4) \$12,673,000 for Fiscal Year 2030.

18 (5) \$13,090,000 for Fiscal Year 2031.

19 (6) \$13,521,000 for Fiscal Year 2032.

20 (7) \$13,966,000 for Fiscal Year 2033.

21 (8) \$14,425,000 for Fiscal Year 2034.

22 (9) \$14,900,000 for Fiscal Year 2035.

23 (10) \$15,390,000 for Fiscal Year 2036.

24 (11) \$15,896,000 for Fiscal Year 2037.

25 (12) \$16,419,000 for Fiscal Year 2038.

1 (13) \$16,959,000 for Fiscal Year 2039.

2 (14) \$17,517,000 for Fiscal Year 2040.

3 (15) \$18,094,000 for Fiscal Year 2041.

4 **SEC. 14. EFFECTIVE DATE FOR CLAIMS.**

5 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect

6 as if included in the enactment of Public Law 119–21.