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To help increase the development, distribution, and use of clean cookstoves and fuels to improve health, protect the climate and environment, empower women, create jobs, and help consumers save time and money.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Clean Cooking Support
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CLEAN COOKING INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of

1 State and the Administrator of the United States Agency
2 for International Development shall jointly establish the
3 Clean Cooking Interagency Working Group (referred to in
4 this section as the “Working Group”), consisting of rep-
5 resentatives from the Department of Energy, the National
6 Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and
7 Prevention, the Environmental Protection Agency, and
8 any other Federal agency that the Secretary and the Ad-
9 ministrator may designate to assist with overseeing the
10 planning, management, and coordination of initiatives to
11 increase the number of clean cookstoves and fuels world-
12 wide.

13 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Working Group shall—

14 (1) establish goals and priorities for increasing
15 the number of clean cookstoves and fuels worldwide;
16 and

17 (2) provide for interagency coordination, includ-
18 ing budget coordination, of activities under this Act.

19 (c) GOVERNANCE.—The Secretary of State and the
20 Administrator of United States Agency for International
21 Development, or their designees, shall serve as co-chairs
22 of the Working Group.

23 (d) MEETINGS.—Members of the Working Group
24 shall meet not later than 90 days after the Working Group
25 is established pursuant to subsection (a), and quarterly

1 thereafter, to carry out the responsibilities described in
2 subsection (b).

3 **SEC. 3. CLEAN COOKING PROGRAM.**

4 (a) DEPARTMENT OF STATE; UNITED STATES AGEN-
5 CY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.—The Secretary
6 of State and the Administrator of the United States Agen-
7 cy for International Development shall work with the
8 Clean Cooking Alliance, founded in 2010—

9 (1) to engage in a wide range of diplomatic ac-
10 tivities, including with countries across the globe and
11 with United States embassies abroad, to support ac-
12 tivities of the Clean Cooking Alliance and the clean
13 cookstoves and fuels sector;

14 (2) to continue the clean cooking initiatives
15 supported by the Climate and Clean Air Coalition,
16 an intergovernmental organization formed in 2012,
17 to reduce emissions of climate pollutants;

18 (3) to advance programs that support the adop-
19 tion of affordable cookstoves that require less fuel to
20 meet household energy needs and release fewer pol-
21 lutants, as a means to improve health, reduce envi-
22 ronmental degradation, mitigate climate change, fos-
23 ter economic growth, and empower women; and

24 (4) to carry out other activities authorized
25 under this Act.

1 (b) DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.—The Secretary of
2 Energy shall work with the Clean Cooking Alliance—

3 (1) to conduct research to spur development of
4 low-cost, low-emission, high-efficiency cookstoves
5 through research in areas such as combustion, heat
6 transfer, and materials development;

7 (2) to conduct research to spur development of
8 low-emission, high-efficiency energy sources;

9 (3) to support innovative small businesses in
10 the United States that are developing advanced
11 cookstoves and improved cookstove assessment de-
12 vices; and

13 (4) to carry out other activities authorized
14 under this Act.

15 (c) NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.—The Direc-
16 tor of the National Institutes of Health shall work with
17 the Clean Cooking Alliance—

18 (1) to support health research and training to
19 improve the health and lives of those at risk from
20 household burning of solid fuels, including—

21 (A) dedicated resources for research on
22 household air pollution to ensure adoption of
23 life-saving interventions and policy formulation;
24 and

1 (B) regional network research and training
2 hubs in global environmental health and occu-
3 pational health with a household air pollution
4 focus; and

5 (2) to carry out other activities authorized
6 under this Act.

7 (d) CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVEN-
8 TION.—The Director of the Centers for Disease Control
9 and Prevention shall work with the Clean Cooking Alli-
10 ance—

11 (1) to evaluate cookstove and fuel programs to
12 better understand their public health benefits and
13 key determinants of adoption;

14 (2) to promote a better understanding of the re-
15 lationship between human exposures and health out-
16 comes from the use of rudimentary cookstoves and
17 open fires; and

18 (3) to carry out other activities authorized
19 under this Act.

20 (e) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.—The
21 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
22 shall work with the Clean Cooking Alliance—

23 (1) to conduct cookstove and fuel testing and
24 evaluation in the lab and in the field, including by—

1 (A) evaluating energy efficiency and air
2 pollutant emissions that impact human health
3 and the environment;

4 (B) building the capacity of regional stove
5 testing and knowledge centers around the
6 world; and

7 (C) developing international standards re-
8 garding fuel use, emissions, and safety of cook-
9 stoves and fuels;

10 (2) to conduct climate, health, and air quality
11 research, including with United States institutions of
12 higher education, regarding the air quality and cli-
13 matic benefits of interventions for cookstoves and
14 residential burning, and to continue the clean cook-
15 ing initiatives supported by the Climate and Clean
16 Air Coalition to reduce emissions of climate pollut-
17 ants;

18 (3) to provide technical and policy expertise and
19 to help the Clean Cooking Alliance align with ongo-
20 ing international efforts in the field; and

21 (4) to carry out other activities authorized
22 under this Act.

23 (f) OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Other Federal
24 agencies may engage with the Clean Cooking Alliance or

1 other agencies, as appropriate, to further the purposes of
2 this Act.

3 **SEC. 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

4 (a) **DEFINED TERM.**—In this section, the term “ap-
5 propriate congressional committees” means—

6 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
7 Senate;

8 (2) the Committee on Appropriations of the
9 Senate;

10 (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
11 House of Representatives; and

12 (4) the Committee on Appropriations of the
13 House of Representatives.

14 (b) **ANNUAL REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after
15 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-
16 after, the President shall submit a report to the appro-
17 priate congressional committees that describes the
18 progress made to further the purposes of this Act.

19 (c) **INFORMATION INCLUDED IN REPORTS.**—Each re-
20 port submitted pursuant to subsection (b) shall include—

21 (1) the indicators used by the Department of
22 State and each Federal agency participating in the
23 interagency working group established pursuant to
24 section 2(a) to monitor and evaluate the progress

1 made by each such agency to further the purposes
2 of this Act;

3 (2) data pertaining to populations served in
4 United States Government-funded cookstoves and
5 fuels programming;

6 (3) information regarding United States Gov-
7 ernment investments in clean cookstoves and fuels
8 programming, including funding that has been
9 planned, appropriated, obligated, or expended during
10 the most recently concluded fiscal year and cumula-
11 tively for the 5 most recently concluded fiscal years;
12 and

13 (4) information regarding the progress made to-
14 ward increasing collaboration among Federal agen-
15 cies to further the purposes of this Act, including
16 interagency research efforts and collaboration with
17 international research partners.

18 (d) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The President shall
19 make the report required under subsection (b) available
20 to the public.

21 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 There are authorized to be appropriated for each of
23 the fiscal years 2024 through 2028 such sums as may be
24 necessary to carry out this Act.

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