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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAWLER 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Dream’s Caregiver
3 Health and Wellness Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DREAM GRANTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the
7 Administration for Community Living (in this section re-
8 ferred to as the “Secretary”), shall establish a program
9 under which the Secretary will award grants to nonprofit
10 organizations to carry out programs and activities in-
11 tended to promote caregiver wellness, including by—

12 (1) strengthening caregiver retention and reduc-
13 ing burnout;

14 (2) improving mental health and wellness for
15 caregivers;

16 (3) building a caregiver support network;

17 (4) strengthening community cohesion among
18 caregivers and grant recipients; and

19 (5) sustaining the importance of layered, flexi-
20 ble, and sustainable caregiver supports that adapt to
21 changing caregiver needs over time.

22 (b) APPLICATION.—A nonprofit organization seeking
23 a grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary
24 an application at such time, in such manner, and con-
25 taining such information as the Secretary may require.

1 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A nonprofit organization that
2 receives a grant under this section may use funds received
3 through the grant to provide caregivers with—

4 (1) meals;

5 (2) transportation to and from their place of
6 work;

7 (3) mental health services (including post-trau-
8 matic stress disorder services and supports);

9 (4) holistic wellness programs; and

10 (5) any other services determined appropriate
11 by the Secretary.

12 (d) REPORTS.—Beginning not later than 90 days
13 after the last day of the first year in which grants are
14 awarded under this section, and annually thereafter, the
15 Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report containing
16 specifying—

17 (1) how each recipient used funds received
18 through the grant;

19 (2) the populations served by each recipient
20 using such grant funds; and

21 (3) any measurable outcomes achieved with re-
22 spect to caregiver wellness and retention as a result
23 of the award of such grants.

24 (e) CAREGIVER DEFINED.—In this section, the term
25 “caregiver” means an individual who provides com-

1 pensated or compensated care to a senior, an individual
2 with an intellectual or developmental disability, or an indi-
3 vidual with a chronic illness who needs supportive services.

4 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
6 \$250,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2031.