

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-54**  
**OFFERED BY MRS. LAWRENCE OF MICHIGAN**

Page 1854, after line 18, insert the following:

1       (g) REPORT ON AFFORDABILITY, DISCRIMINATION,  
2 AND CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, AND DATA COLLEC-  
3 TION.—

4           (1) STUDY.—

5               (A) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller Gen-  
6 eral of the United States shall conduct a study  
7 on water and sewer services, in accordance with  
8 this subsection.

9               (B) AFFORDABILITY.—In conducting the  
10 study under paragraph (1), the Comptroller  
11 shall study water affordability nationwide, in-  
12 cluding—

13                   (i) rates for water and sewer services,  
14 increases in such rates during the ten-year  
15 period preceding such study, and water  
16 service disconnections due to unpaid water  
17 service charges; and

18                   (ii) the effectiveness of funding under  
19 section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water

1 Act and under section 601 of the Federal  
2 Water Pollution Control Act for promoting  
3 affordable, equitable, transparent, and reli-  
4 able water and sewer service.

5 (C) DISCRIMINATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS.—

6 In conducting the study under paragraph (1),  
7 the Comptroller, in collaboration with the Civil  
8 Rights Division of the Department of Justice,  
9 shall study—

10 (i) discriminatory practices of water  
11 and sewer service providers; and

12 (ii) violations by such service pro-  
13 viders that receive Federal assistance of  
14 civil rights under title VI of the Civil  
15 Rights Act of 1964 with regard to equal  
16 access to water and sewer services.

17 (D) DATA COLLECTION.—In conducting  
18 the study under paragraph (1), the Comptroller  
19 shall collect information, assess the availability  
20 of information, and evaluate the methodologies  
21 used to collect information, related to—

22 (i) people living without water or  
23 sewer services;

24 (ii) water service disconnections due  
25 to unpaid water service charges, including

1           disconnections experienced by households  
2           containing children, elderly persons, dis-  
3           abled persons, chronically ill persons, or  
4           other vulnerable populations; and

5                   (iii) disparate effects, on the basis of  
6           race, gender, or socioeconomic status, of  
7           water service disconnections and the lack  
8           of public water service.

9           (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
10          date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller  
11          shall submit to Congress a report that contains—

12                   (A) the results of the study conducted  
13          under subsection (a)(1); and

14                   (B) recommendations for utility companies,  
15          Federal agencies, and States relating to such  
16          results.

