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2D SESSION

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To establish a grant program for funding silicosis treatment and education, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CORREA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the

Committee on |||||

A BILL

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and education, and for other purposes.

*1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa2 tives
of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Silicosis Prevention
5 and Treatment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SILICOSIS CLINICS PROGRAM.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health and 8
Human Services, acting through the Administrator of
the
9 Health Resources and Services Administration, (in this

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1 section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall award grants,
2 on a competitive basis, to eligible entities to treat individ3
uals with silicosis, regardless of their ability to pay, and
4 provide education to workers in industries with high expo5
sure to silica.

6 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible for a grant
7 under this section, an entity shall be—

8 (1) a federally qualified health center (as de9 fined in
section 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act

10 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)));

11 (2) a hospital;

12 (3) a State or local health department; or

13 (4) a nonprofit health care clinic or nonprofit 14
health care provider.

15 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant awarded under this
16 section may be used for—

17 (1) outreach and education to raise awareness
18 of silicosis;

19 (2) screening, diagnosis, and treatment of sili-
20 cosis;
21 (3) education programs for patients, family
22 members, and workers in industries heavily
impacted
23 by silicosis;

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1 (4) benefits counseling related to silicosis (in-
2 cluding with respect to State and Federal
compensa3tion programs);
4 (5) patient care and coordination related to sili-
5 cosis (including individual patient care plans and
re6 ferrals, as needed);
7 (6) pulmonary rehabilitation to improve breath8 ing in
relation to silicosis; or
9 (7) such other activities as the Secretary deter10 mines
appropriate.

11 (d) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term
12 “State” means each of the several States, the District
of

13 Columbia, a territory or possession of the United
States, 14 or an Indian Tribe.

15 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
16 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section 17
\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2031.