

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to encourage research and carry out an educational campaign with respect to pulmonary hypertension, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—111th Cong., 1st Sess.

H. R. 3590

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by
_____ to the amendment (No. 2786)
proposed by Mr. REID

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **TITLE _____—PULMONARY HYPER-**
2 **TENSION RESEARCH AND**
3 **EDUCATION**

4 **SEC. __01. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This title may be cited as the “Tom Lantos Pul-
6 monary Hypertension Research and Education Act of
7 2009”.

8 **Subtitle A—Research on**
9 **Pulmonary Hypertension**

10 **SEC. __11. EXPANSION AND INTENSIFICATION OF ACTIVI-**
11 **TIES.**

12 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Con-
13 gress that—

14 (1) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
15 ices (in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”), act-
16 ing through the Director of the National Institutes
17 of Health and the Director of the National Heart,
18 Lung, and Blood Institute (in this title referred to
19 as the “Institute”), should continue aggressive work
20 on pulmonary hypertension;

21 (2) as part of such work, the Director of the In-
22 stitute should continue research to expand the un-
23 derstanding of the causes of, and to find a cure for,
24 pulmonary hypertension; and

1 (3) activities under paragraph (1) may include
2 conducting and supporting—

3 (A) basic research concerning the etiology
4 and causes of pulmonary hypertension;

5 (B) basic research on the relationship be-
6 tween scleroderma, sickle cell anemia (and other
7 conditions identified by the Director of the In-
8 stitute that can lead to a secondary diagnosis of
9 pulmonary hypertension), and pulmonary hy-
10 pertension;

11 (C) clinical research for the development
12 and evaluation of new treatments for pul-
13 monary hypertension, including the establish-
14 ment of a “Pulmonary Hypertension Clinical
15 Research Network”;

16 (D) support for the training of new clini-
17 cians and investigators with expertise in the
18 pulmonary hypertension; and

19 (E) information and education programs
20 for the general public.

21 (b) BIENNIAL REPORTS.—As part of the biennial re-
22 port made under section 403 of the Public Health Service
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 283), the Secretary shall include informa-
24 tion on the status of pulmonary hypertension research at
25 the National Institutes of Health.

1 **Subtitle B—Increasing Awareness**
2 **of Pulmonary Hypertension**

3 **SEC. 21. PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the
5 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
6 tion, shall carry out an educational campaign to increase
7 public awareness of pulmonary hypertension. Print, video,
8 and Web-based materials distributed under this program
9 may include—

10 (1) basic information on pulmonary hyper-
11 tension and its symptoms; and

12 (2) information on—

13 (A) the incidence and prevalence of pul-
14 monary hypertension;

15 (B) diseases and conditions that can lead
16 to pulmonary hypertension as a secondary diag-
17 nosis;

18 (C) the importance of early diagnosis; and

19 (D) the availability, as medically appro-
20 priate, of a range of treatment options and pul-
21 monary hypertension.

22 (b) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—The Sec-
23 retary is encouraged to disseminate information under
24 subsection (a) through a cooperative agreement with a na-

1 tional nonprofit entity with expertise in pulmonary hyper-
2 tension.

3 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than Sep-
4 tember 30, 2010, the Secretary shall report to the Com-
5 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,
7 and Pensions of the Senate, and the Committee on Appro-
8 priations of the House of Representatives and the Senate
9 on the status of activities under this section.

10 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
11 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
12 to be appropriated \$2,500,000 for each of fiscal years
13 2010, 2011, and 2012.

14 **SEC. 22. PROMOTING AWARENESS AMONG HEALTH CARE**
15 **PROFESSIONALS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the
17 Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Ad-
18 ministration and the Director of the Centers for Disease
19 Control and Prevention, shall carry out an educational
20 campaign to increase awareness of pulmonary hyper-
21 tension among health care providers. Print, video, and
22 Web-based materials distributed under this program may
23 include information on—

24 (1) the symptoms of pulmonary hypertension;

25 (2) the importance of early diagnosis;

1 (3) current diagnostic criteria; and

2 (4) Food and Drug Administration-approved
3 therapies for the disease.

4 (b) TARGETED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.—Health
5 care providers targeted through the campaign under sub-
6 section (a) shall include, but not be limited to, cardiolo-
7 gists, pulmonologists, rheumatologists, primary care phy-
8 sicians, pediatricians, and nurse practitioners.

9 (c) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—The Sec-
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11 subsection (a) through a cooperative agreement with a na-
12 tional nonprofit entity with expertise in pulmonary hyper-
13 tension.

14 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than Sep-
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18 and Pensions of the Senate, and the Committee on Appro-
19 priations of the House of Representatives and the Senate
20 on the status of activities under this section.

21 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
22 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
23 to be appropriated \$2,500,000 for each of fiscal years
24 2010, 2011, and 2012.