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To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study on suicide risk factors faced by construction workers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. KELLY, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Constructing the Path
5 to Suicide Prevention Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON SUICIDE RISK FACTORS FACED BY CON-**
7 **STRUCTION WORKERS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
9 Human Services, acting through the Director of the Cen-

ters for Disease Control and Prevention, (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall conduct a study on construction workers who died by suicide to understand suicide risk factors that construction workers face and the additive impact of such risk factors on such workers.

(b) RISK FACTORS.—The study under subsection (a) may consider employment, organizational, and individual risk factors with respect to construction workers who died by suicide, including—

- (1) demographic information;
- (2) employment status at time of death;
- (3) the type of construction work, as determined by the Secretary of Labor under subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the “Davis-Bacon Act”), in which the workers were engaged;
- (4) union membership status;
- (5) whether the worker was covered under a health plan, and if the worker was covered under a group health plan, the type of plan sponsor of such plan, from among the plan sponsor types described in clauses (i) through (iv) of section 3(16)(B) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002(16)(B));

1 (6) whether the worker received benefits under
2 an employment agreement;

3 (7) whether the worker had access to an em-
4 ployee assistance program;

5 (8) history of substance and alcohol use;

6 (9) history of bankruptcy or debt collection;

7 (10) history of injury impacting the ability to
8 work in the 12-month period immediately preceding
9 death, and whether the worker received a prescrip-
10 tion opioid for the treatment of such an injury; and

11 (11) history of mental health diagnosis.

12 (c) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The Secretary shall main-
13 tain information collected pursuant to the study under this
14 section in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal
15 and State privacy laws.

16 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 3 years
17 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
18 submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,
19 and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy
20 and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report
21 on policy recommendations to address the factors that in-
22 crease suicide risk in construction workers, as determined
23 through the study conducted under subsection (a).