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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. DINGELL 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sunscreen in Parks
5 Findings Act of 2026” or the “SPF Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The National Cancer Institute estimates
2 there will be approximately 100,640 new cases of
3 skin melanomas and 8,290 related deaths from skin
4 cancer in the United States in 2024.

5 (2) People of all skin colors are at risk for skin
6 cancer, skin aging, and sunburn from spending time
7 in the sun.

8 (3) Sunscreen is most effective at protecting
9 against skin cancer rates when paired with other
10 protective methods, including—

11 (A) limiting time in the sun, specifically
12 when rays are most intense; and

13 (B) wearing protective clothing to cover ex-
14 posed skin.

15 (4) The Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
16 continues to evaluate the safety and efficacy of sun-
17 screen products. According to the FDA, only broad-
18 spectrum sunscreens with a sun protection factor
19 (SPF) of at least 15 help to protect from skin can-
20 cer and early aging.

21 (5) The National Park Service recommends
22 that visitors apply nonnanotized, mineral-based sun-
23 screens, which provide strong sun protection with
24 few health concerns.

1 (6) According to the 2020 National Center for
2 Health Statistics National Health Interview Survey,
3 about 69 percent of Americans used sunscreen at
4 least occasionally in 2020, up from 60 percent in
5 2000.

6 (7) A 2022 American Academy of Dermatology
7 survey found that many United States adults have
8 room for improvement in terms of sun protection
9 and found the following:

10 (A) 67 percent incorrectly believed that
11 SPF 30 sunscreen offers twice as much protec-
12 tion as SPF 15 sunscreen.

13 (B) 65 percent said they often forget to re-
14 apply sunscreen.

15 (C) 43 percent were unaware that shade
16 protects a person from ultraviolet (UV) rays.

17 (8) Some States, including Colorado, Pennsyl-
18 vania, and Rhode Island, have provided free sun-
19 screen stations for visitors to State parks.

20 (9) A 2022 George Mason University report to
21 the National Park Service recommends that “na-
22 tional parks stock sunscreen and sun-protective
23 UPF clothing in prominent displays with signage on
24 recommended sun protection behaviors”.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Na-
4 tional Park Service shall provide to the Committee on Nat-
5 ural Resources of the House of Representatives a report
6 outlining options for the provision of mineral-based,
7 broad-spectrum sunscreen and other sun protection meth-
8 ods at low or no cost in national parks, including—

- 9 (1) public-private partnerships;
10 (2) partnerships with nonprofit organizations;
11 (3) unobligated funding within the National
12 Park Service budget; and
13 (4) any other option that could support the pro-
14 vision of free mineral-based sunscreen and other low-
15 cost protective methods to park visitors.

16 (b) CONTENT OF REPORT.—The report required
17 under subsection (a) shall address topics including—

- 18 (1) the potential environmental impacts of any
19 sunscreen provided in the national parks;
20 (2) the equitable usability of sunscreen provided
21 for park visitors, specifically the ability of sunscreen
22 to blend with all skin tones; and
23 (3) a plan for increasing awareness in the parks
24 regarding the importance of sun protection to pre-
25 vent skin damage and skin cancer.

1 (c) LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS.—The report
2 required under subsection (a) shall include recommenda-
3 tions for measures that Congress can take to support the
4 effort for the National Park Service to increase options
5 for sun protection in national parks.