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To provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, and for other purposes.

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Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, and Mr. THANEDAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''South Asian Heart Health Awareness and Research Act of 2026''.

SEC. 2. HEART HEALTH PROMOTION GRANTS.

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

ters for Disease Control and Prevention, may award supplemental grant funds to States receiving Federal funding for heart health activities. Such supplemental funds shall be used to promote awareness of the increasing prevalence of heart disease, including, where appropriate, its relationship to type 2 diabetes, in communities disproportionately affected by heart disease, such as South Asian communities in the United States.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—A State that receives supplemental grant funds under subsection (a) shall use such grant funds to—

(1) develop culturally appropriate materials on evidence-based heart health promotion topics, such as nutrition education, optimal diet plans, and programs for regular exercise;

(2) support heart health promotion activities of community organizations that work with or serve communities disproportionately affected by heart disease, such as South Asian communities in the United States;

(3) support, with respect to research conducted relating to heart disease, conferences and workshops on how practices, methodologies, and designs of such research should be changed to include in such research more members of communities disproportion-

ately affected by heart disease, such as South Asian communities in the United States; or

(4) conduct or support research and related activities regarding cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, and other heart health-related ailments among at-risk populations, including South Asian communities in the United States.

(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on activities supported under subsection (a) and data relating to heart disease in communities disproportionately affected by heart disease.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated $2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

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