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110TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PRESENCE OF PHARMACEUTICALS AND PER-**  
2 **SONAL CARE PRODUCTS IN DRINKING WATER**  
3 **SUPPLIES OF THE UNITED STATES.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Administrator of the Environ-  
5 mental Protection Agency, in consultation with appro-  
6 priate government agencies (including the National Insti-  
7 tute of Environmental Health Sciences and the United  
8 States Geological Survey), shall conduct a study of the  
9 presence of pharmaceuticals and personal care products  
10 (in this section referred to as “PPCPs”) in drinking water  
11 supplies in the United States.

12 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-  
13 section (a), the Administrator shall—

14 (1) identify PPCPs that have been detected in  
15 drinking water supplies in the United States and the  
16 levels at which such PPCPs have been detected;

17 (2) identify the sources of PPCPs in drinking  
18 water supplies in the United States; and

19 (3) identify the effects of PPCPs in the waters  
20 of the United States, including drinking water sup-  
21 plies, on human health, aquatic animal health, and  
22 aquatic wildlife.

23 (c) EXAMINATION OF WASTEWATER EFFLUENT AND  
24 RUN-OFF FROM AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS.—In iden-  
25 tifying sources of PPCPs under subsection (b)(2), the Ad-

1 administrator shall examine wastewater effluent and run-off  
2 from agricultural operations.

3 (d) REPORTS.—

4 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than one year  
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-  
6 trator shall submit to Congress a report on the re-  
7 sults of the study conducted under this section.

8 (2) SUBSEQUENT REPORT.—Not later than 2  
9 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
10 Administrator shall submit to Congress a subsequent  
11 report containing recommendations on how best to  
12 address the presence of PPCPs in drinking water  
13 supplies in the United States, including at a min-  
14 imum—

15 (A) methods to regularly monitor the phar-  
16 maceutical content of drinking water;

17 (B) methods to more safely dispose of un-  
18 used PPCPs;

19 (C) methods for improving the treatment  
20 of water discharged from wastewater treatment  
21 plants; and

22 (D) methods to reduce the amount of ex-  
23 cess active ingredients in PPCPs.

24 (e) PHARMACEUTICALS AND PERSONAL CARE PROD-  
25 UCTS DEFINED.—In this section, the terms “pharma-

1 ceuticals and personal care products” and “PPCPs” mean  
2 products used by individuals for personal health or cos-  
3 metic reasons, including soaps and shampoos, or used by  
4 agribusiness to enhance growth or health of livestock.