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H. R. 7158

To provide for the establishment of a process for the management of
biospecimen collections by Federal agencies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was
referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

A BILL

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management of biospecimen collections by Federal agencies.

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. MANAGEMENT OF BIOSPECIMEN COLLEC-**
4 **TIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Science and Tech-
6 nology Policy, in consultation with relevant Federal agen-
7 cies, shall develop a policy for the management by Federal
8 agencies of biospecimen collections.

9 (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Office of Science
10 and Technology Policy shall—

1 (1) transmit an initial report to Congress on
2 the policy developed under subsection (a) within 2
3 years after the date of enactment of this Act; and

4 (2) after the transmittal of the initial report
5 under paragraph (1), transmit to Congress an an-
6 nual report on the progress of the implementation of
7 the policy, until all relevant Federal agencies have
8 implemented the policy.

9 (c) DESTRUCTION OF BIOSPECIMEN COLLEC-
10 TIONS.—The policy developed under subsection (a) shall—

11 (1) require that, before destroying a biospeci-
12 men collection, a Federal agency shall—

13 (A) conduct a review of the research value
14 of the collection; and

15 (B) consult with researchers who have
16 used the collection, and any other interested
17 parties, concerning—

18 (i) the collection's value; and

19 (ii) possible additional uses for the
20 collection; and

21 (2) include procedures for Federal agencies to
22 offer biospecimen collections they no longer need to
23 researchers at institutions qualified to possess the
24 collections.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

2 In this Act, the term “biospecimen” means bio-
3 logically-derived materials from humans, animals, or
4 plants, including any such materials obtained from non-
5 biological media.

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