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117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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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 “Access for Veterans  
5 to Records Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PLAN TO ELIMINATE RECORDS BACKLOG AT THE**  
2 **NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER.**

3 (a) **PLAN REQUIRED.**—Not later than 60 days after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Archivist of the  
5 United States shall submit to the Committee on Oversight  
6 and Reform of the House of Representatives and the  
7 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee  
8 of the Senate a plan for reducing the backlog of requests  
9 for records from the National Personnel Records Center  
10 that includes, at a minimum, the following:

11 (1) Target timeframes to reduce the backlog.

12 (2) A detailed plan for improving the informa-  
13 tion technology infrastructure to prevent future  
14 backlogs.

15 (3) Actions to improve customer service for re-  
16 questers.

17 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—In addi-  
18 tion to amounts otherwise available, there is authorized  
19 to be appropriated to the National Archives and Records  
20 Administration, \$60,000,000 to address backlogs in re-  
21 sponding to requests from veterans for military personnel  
22 records, improve cybersecurity, improve digital preserva-  
23 tion and access to archival Federal records, and address  
24 backlogs in requests made under section 552 of title 5,  
25 United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom

1 of Information Act). Such amounts may also be used for  
2 the Federal Records Center Program.