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H.R. 4631, Access to Congressional Mandated Reports Act

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I thank Representative Mike Quigley for his persistence in pursuing this good-government legislation.

H.R. 4631, the Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act, is a non-controversial bill that has been previously approved by this Committee by voice vote. This is a common-sense measure that would make the government more transparent and accountable.

This bill would create a one-stop shop where Congress and members of the public could access agency reports to Congress. Federal agencies submit thousands of reports to Congress each year. This bill will improve Congressional oversight by making it easy to find and access those reports.

This bill will also give the public access to agency reports. Currently, members of the public often have to file FOIA requests to obtain some agency reports to Congress because many of these reports are not available online.

The Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act has been endorsed by almost 40 organizations from across the political spectrum.

I support this bill and I urge all of my colleagues to support it.

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