

1           ~~(B) relevant State licensing, supervision,~~  
 2           ~~and enforcement agencies and State attorneys~~  
 3           ~~general;~~

4           ~~(C) appraisers and other home valuation~~  
 5           ~~industry professionals;~~

6           ~~(D) mortgage lending institutions;~~

7           ~~(E) fair housing and fair lending experts;~~  
 8           ~~and~~

9           ~~(F) any other relevant stakeholders as de-~~  
 10          ~~termined by the Comptroller General.~~

11          ~~(5) HEARING.—Upon the completion of the re-~~  
 12          ~~port under paragraph (2), the Committee on Bank-~~  
 13          ~~ing, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and~~  
 14          ~~the Committee on Financial Services of the House of~~  
 15          ~~Representatives shall each hold a hearing on the~~  
 16          ~~findings of the report and the feasibility of estab-~~  
 17          ~~lishing a public appraisal-level appraisal database.~~

18       **TITLE      VIII—ACCOUNTABILITY,**  
 19       **COORDINATION,      STUDIES,**  
 20       **AND REPORTING**

21       **SEC. 801. HUD-USDA-VA INTERAGENCY COORDINATION**  
 22       **ACT.**

23          (a) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Sec-  
 24       retary of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary  
 25       of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall

1 establish a memorandum of understanding, or other ap-  
2 propriate interagency agreement, to share relevant hous-  
3 ing-related research and market data that facilitate evi-  
4 dence-based policymaking.

5 (b) INTERAGENCY REPORT.—

6 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after  
7 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
8 Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary of  
9 Agriculture, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
10 shall jointly submit to the Committee on Banking,  
11 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the  
12 Committee on Financial Services of the House of  
13 Representatives a report containing—

14 (A) a description of opportunities for in-  
15 creased collaboration between the Secretary of  
16 Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary  
17 of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Veterans  
18 Affairs to reduce inefficiencies in housing pro-  
19 grams;

20 (B) a list of Federal laws (including regu-  
21 lations) that adversely affect the availability  
22 and affordability of new construction of assisted  
23 housing and single-family and multifamily resi-  
24 dential housing subject to mortgages insured  
25 under title II of the National Housing Act (12

1 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.), insured, guaranteed, or  
2 made by the Secretary of Agriculture under  
3 title V of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.  
4 1471 et seq.), or insured, guaranteed, or made  
5 by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under  
6 chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code; and

7 (C) recommendations for Congress regard-  
8 ing the Federal laws (including regulations) de-  
9 scribed in subparagraph (B).

10 (2) PUBLICATION.—The report required under  
11 paragraph (1) shall, prior to submission under this  
12 subsection, be published in the Federal Register and  
13 open for comment for a period of 30 days.

14 ~~SEC. 802. STREAMLINING RURAL HOUSING ACT.~~

15 ~~(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the~~  
16 ~~date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing~~  
17 ~~and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture~~  
18 ~~shall enter into a memorandum of understanding to—~~

19 ~~(1) evaluate categorical exclusions under the en-~~  
20 ~~vironmental review process for housing projects~~  
21 ~~funded by amounts from the Department of Housing~~  
22 ~~and Urban Development and the Department of Ag-~~  
23 ~~riculture;~~

24 ~~(2) develop a process to designate a lead agency~~  
25 ~~and streamline adoption of Environmental Impact~~