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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 1996

Mr. PETRI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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. REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO**
2 **SPECIFY “MULTIRACIAL” OR “MULTIETHNIC”,**
3 **RESPECTIVELY, AS RACIAL OR ETHNIC CLAS-**
4 **SIFICATION.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 3507 of title 44, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
7 ing new subsection:

8 “(k) The Director may not approve a collection of in-
9 formation that would request or direct a respondent to
10 specify a racial classification from among a list of racial
11 classifications, or an ethnic classification from among a
12 list of ethnic classifications, the approval of such a collec-
13 tion of information by the Director shall not be inferred,
14 and an agency shall not sponsor or conduct such a collec-
15 tion of information, unless the list provides an opportunity
16 for the respondent to specify ‘multiracial’, in the case of
17 a list of racial classifications, or ‘multiethnic’, in the case
18 of a list of ethnic classifications.”.

19 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
20 subsection (a) shall take effect January 1, 1997.

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