

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 476
OFFERED BY MR. LEE OF NEW YORK

Strike section 2 (relating to testing for discrimination) and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 2. GAO STUDY ON TESTING FOR DISCRIMINATION.**

2 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
3 States shall conduct a study as follows:

4 (1) DETERMINATION REGARDING NATIONWIDE
5 TESTING.—The study shall determine whether a pro-
6 gram of nationwide testing is the most viable and
7 cost-effective means, taking into consideration other
8 approaches, for—

9 (A) detecting and documenting differences
10 in the treatment of persons seeking to rent or
11 purchase housing or obtain or refinance a home
12 mortgage loan;

13 (B) measuring patterns of adverse treat-
14 ment because of the race, color, religion, sex,
15 familial status, disability status, or national ori-
16 gin of a renter, home buyer, or borrower; and

17 (C) measuring the prevalence of such dis-
18 criminatory practices across the housing and
19 mortgage lending markets as a whole.

1 (2) DETERMINATION REGARDING USE OF EX-
2 ISTING TESTING PROGRAM.—If the Comptroller Gen-
3 eral determines pursuant to paragraph (1) that a
4 program of nationwide testing is the most viable and
5 cost-effective means of carrying out the activities
6 specified in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of para-
7 graph (1), the study shall examine and analyze the
8 Fair Housing Testing Program of the Housing and
9 Civil Enforcement Section of the Civil Rights Divi-
10 sion of the Department of Justice and determine
11 whether and how the Department of Housing and
12 Urban Development could work in consultation with
13 the Department of Justice, including through quali-
14 fied fair housing enforcement organizations and
15 State and local governments, to continue the pur-
16 poses and activities of such Program while incor-
17 porating in such Program nationwide testing to
18 carry out such activities specified in paragraph (1).

19 (b) REPORT.—Not later than the expiration of the
20 12-month period beginning on the date of the enactment
21 of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the
22 Congress a report describing the study conducted under
23 subsection (a), which shall include the findings and conclu-

- 1 sions of the study and set forth the determinations re-
- 2 quired under such subsection

