

**AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED BY Mr . DeSaulnier**

At the end, add the following:

**1 SEC. 3. SECRETARIAL OVERSIGHT.**

2 Section 658K of the Child Care and Development  
3 Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858i) is further  
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(e) SECRETARIAL OVERSIGHT.—Within 30 days of  
6 enactment of Child Care Integrity Monitoring Act of  
7 2026, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
8 testify before the House Committee on Education and  
9 Workforce, on application, administration, execution, and  
10 effectiveness of executives actions taken related to the ad-  
11 ministration of financial assistance under this subchapter,  
12 including:

13 “(1) ‘Defend the Spend’ actions announced on  
14 January 6, 2026, as well as any subsequent guid-  
15 ance to States regarding the ‘Defend the Spend’ pol-  
16 icy;

17 “(2) any reductions in force or other personnel  
18 terminations impacting the Office of Child Care that  
19 occurred on or after January 20, 2025; and

1           “(3) any other issues or departmental actions  
2           taken that are related to alleged improper payments  
3           or fraud under this Act.”.

