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H. R. 5008

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SUBRAMANYAM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Affordable Commutes
5 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. INVESTIGATION OF PRICING PRACTICES ON PRI-**
2 **VATE TOLL ROADS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
4 shall conduct an investigation of the price setting of toll
5 roads owned by private entities, including any instances
6 of price gouging, unfair practices, or unreasonable toll
7 price setting.

8 (b) REFERRAL OF CERTAIN UNFAIR PRACTICES.—
9 In any case in which the Secretary finds any evidence of
10 price gouging, unfair practices, or unreasonable toll price
11 setting pursuant to the investigation under subsection (a),
12 the Secretary shall refer such cases to the Attorney Gen-
13 eral of the United States and the Federal Trade Commis-
14 sion, as applicable.

15 **SEC. 3. STUDY ON TOLL ROADS OWNED BY PRIVATE ENTI-**
16 **TIES.**

17 The Secretary shall conduct a study on the feasibility
18 and fiscal implications of the Federal Government pur-
19 chasing toll roads owned by private entities and transfer-
20 ring the ownership of such toll roads to the State in which
21 such roads are located, including—

22 (1) whether a change in authority of toll roads
23 from privately-owned to State-owned facilities would
24 benefit consumers, including in the form of lower toll
25 costs;

1 (2) the procedural framework necessary for the
2 Federal Government to purchase and transfer pri-
3 vate toll roads; and

4 (3) any other policies relating to tolling facili-
5 ties that the Federal Government can pursue to
6 lower costs for commuters.

7 **SEC. 4. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

8 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall submit
10 to Congress a report containing—

11 (1) the results of the investigation under sec-
12 tion 2;

13 (2) the results of the study under section 3; and

14 (3) any recommendations to—

15 (A) address price gouging, unfair practices,
16 or unreasonable toll price setting; and

17 (B) carry out the purchases and transfers
18 described in section 3.

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