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H. R. 6200

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of Transportation to repeal or rescind certain actions, initiatives, policies, and regulations related to engine idle start-stop technology, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Mr. LAMALFA (for himself and Mr. FULCHER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Eliminating Start-Stop
5 Engine Nuisance Technologies that Impair Automobile
6 Life Act” or the “ESSENTIAL Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF CERTAIN ACTIONS, INITIATIVES, POLI-**
2 **CIES, AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO EN-**
3 **GINE IDLE START-STOP TECHNOLOGY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of law (except subsection (b)), the Administrator of
6 the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary
7 of Transportation—

8 (1) shall, not later than 1 year after the date
9 of enactment of this section, repeal or rescind any
10 action, initiative, policy, or regulation of the Envi-
11 ronmental Protection Agency or the Department of
12 Transportation that is specifically designed to en-
13 courage, incentivize, promote, or require manufac-
14 turers of vehicles (including cars and trucks) to in-
15 stall or equip any such vehicle with engine idle start-
16 stop technology; and

17 (2) may not issue, take, or enforce any action,
18 initiative, policy, or regulation that is similar to an
19 action, initiative, policy, or regulation that is re-
20 pealed or rescinded under paragraph (1).

21 (b) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
22 the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agen-
23 cy and the Secretary of Transportation may not repeal
24 or rescind any action, initiative, policy, or regulation if,
25 at the determination of the Administrator or the Sec-

1 retary, the repeal or rescission would result in increased
2 risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

3 (c) REPORTS.—

4 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of enactment of this section, the Ad-
6 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
7 and the Secretary of Transportation shall jointly
8 submit to Congress a report that outlines how the
9 Administrator and the Secretary are carrying out
10 subsection (a)(1).

11 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year
12 after the date of enactment of this section, the Ad-
13 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
14 and the Secretary of Transportation shall jointly
15 submit to Congress a report that outlines how the
16 Administrator and the Secretary carried out sub-
17 section (a)(1).

18 (d) ENGINE IDLE START-STOP TECHNOLOGY DE-
19 FINED.—In this section, the term “engine idle start-stop
20 technology” means any technology which enables a vehicle
21 to automatically turn off the engine when the vehicle
22 comes to a rest and restarts the engine when the driver
23 applies pressure to the accelerator or releases the brake.

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