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To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to develop a geospatial mapping tool to identify disproportionately burdened communities, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. RIVAS (for herself, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. HERNÁNDEZ, Ms. NORTON, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. PLASKETT, and Mr. SOTO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to develop a geospatial mapping tool to identify disproportionately burdened communities, and for other purposes.

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 “Environmental Justice  
5 Screening Tool Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. GEOSPATIAL MAPPING TOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL**  
2 **PROTECTION AGENCY TO IDENTIFY DIS-**  
3 **PROPORTIONATELY BURDENED COMMU-**  
4 **NITIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of  
7 the Environmental Protection Agency shall develop and  
8 publish on a publicly available website of the Environ-  
9 mental Protection Agency a geospatial mapping tool to  
10 identify disproportionately burdened communities, to be  
11 known as the “Environmental Justice Screening Tool”.

12 (b) DETERMINATION OF DISPROPORTIONATE BUR-  
13 DEN THRESHOLDS.—

14 (1) THRESHOLDS.—In developing the tool  
15 under subsection (a), the Administrator shall, for  
16 each category of factors described in paragraph  
17 (2)—

18 (A) determine a threshold for a census  
19 tract to be considered disproportionately bur-  
20 dened with respect to that category; and

21 (B) ensure the tool identifies as dispropor-  
22 tionately burdened with respect to that category  
23 any community within a census tract that  
24 meets such threshold.

1           (2) CATEGORIES OF FACTORS.—The categories  
2 of factors described in this paragraph are the fol-  
3 lowing:

4           (A) Environmental factors, including the  
5 following:

6           (i) Air quality.

7           (ii) Access to safe drinking water.

8           (iii) Proximity to any environmental  
9 hazard or potential environmental hazard,  
10 including—

11           (I) a site that is listed on the Na-  
12 tional Priorities List developed by the  
13 President in accordance with section  
14 105(a)(8)(B) of the Comprehensive  
15 Environmental Response, Compensa-  
16 tion, and Liability Act of 1980 (42  
17 U.S.C. 9605(a)(8)(B));

18           (II) a brownfield site;

19           (III) a well, pipeline, refinery, or  
20 other facility relating to the produc-  
21 tion, refining, or downstream proc-  
22 essing of oil or gas; or

23           (IV) a municipal solid waste  
24 landfill unit.

1 (B) Climate change factors, including the  
2 following:

3 (i) Frequency of natural disasters, in-  
4 cluding wildfires, hurricanes, earthquakes,  
5 tornadoes, landslides, and flooding.

6 (ii) Frequency of extreme drought.

7 (C) Human health factors, including the  
8 following:

9 (i) Rate of asthma or chronic obstruc-  
10 tive pulmonary disease.

11 (ii) Rate of diabetes.

12 (iii) Rate of obesity.

13 (iv) Rate of preterm or low birth  
14 weight births.

15 (v) Rate of maternal mortality.

16 (D) Economic factors, including the fol-  
17 lowing:

18 (i) Poverty rate.

19 (ii) Unemployment rate.

20 (iii) Access to affordable housing.

21 (iv) Access to hospitals and other  
22 health care facilities.

23 (E) Social factors, including the following:

24 (i) Racial or ethnic demographics.

25 (ii) Educational attainment.

1 (iii) Population density.

2 (iv) Age distribution.

3 (v) Gender distribution.

4 (F) Any other category of factors the Ad-  
5 ministrator may prescribe.

6 (3) SOLICITATION OF FEEDBACK AND DATA.—

7 The Administrator shall solicit feedback and data re-  
8 garding the thresholds under paragraph (1) and the  
9 categories of factors described in paragraph (2) from  
10 institutions of higher education, nonprofit organiza-  
11 tions, community-based organizations, and State,  
12 local, and tribal government officials, as determined  
13 appropriate by the Administrator.

14 (c) ANNUAL REVIEW AND REPORT.—Not later than  
15 one year after the date on which the Administrator pub-  
16 lishes the tool under subsection (a), and annually there-  
17 after, the Administrator shall—

18 (1) review the data informing the tool and, as  
19 the Administrator determines appropriate, update  
20 the tool; and

21 (2) submit to the appropriate congressional  
22 committees a report on the implementation of this  
23 section that contains, at a minimum—

24 (A) a description of any updates made to  
25 the tool; and

1           (B) an identification of any census tract  
2           that, as a result of any such update, became  
3           identified as disproportionately burdened under  
4           the tool or ceased to be so identified.

5           (d) ADOPTION ACROSS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.—  
6           Beginning not later than one year after the date on which  
7           the Administrator publishes the tool under subsection (a),  
8           the head of each Federal department or agency shall, to  
9           the extent and in the manner determined appropriate by  
10          such head, adopt such tool for use in identifying dis-  
11          proportionately burdened communities and prioritizing  
12          funding or other resources of the department or agency  
13          to the benefit of communities so identified.

14          (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15               (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
16               TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
17               mittees” means—

18                       (A) the Committee on Appropriations and  
19                       the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the  
20                       House of Representatives; and

21                       (B) the Committee on Appropriations and  
22                       the Committee on Environment and Public  
23                       Works of the Senate.

24               (2) BROWNFIELD SITE.—The term “brownfield  
25               site” has the meaning given that term in section 101

1 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response,  
2 Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C.  
3 9601).

4 (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The  
5 term “institution of higher education” has the  
6 meaning given such term in section 101 of the High-  
7 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

8 (4) STATE.—The term “State” includes each  
9 territory or possession of the United States.

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