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To require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study regarding
aluminum recycling.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WITTMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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study regarding aluminum recycling.

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 “Counting Aluminum
5 Net Surplus Act of 2026” or the “CANS Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. ALUMINUM RECYCLING STUDY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out an
8 ongoing study to assess the amount of aluminum disposed
9 of in landfills.

10 (b) REPORT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after
2 the date of the enactment of this section and tri-
3 ennially thereafter, the Secretary, in consultation
4 with the Administrator of the Environmental Protec-
5 tion Agency, shall submit to the Committees on En-
6 ergy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and
7 Science, Space, and Technology of the House of
8 Representatives and the Committees on Commerce,
9 Science, and Transportation and Energy and Nat-
10 ural Resources of the Senate a report regarding the
11 study required under subsection (a).

12 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each report submitted
13 under paragraph (1) shall include the following in-
14 formation:

15 (A) An estimate of the amount of alu-
16 minum disposed of in landfills each year and
17 the associated end-use market of such alu-
18 minum.

19 (B) An estimate of the amount of alu-
20 minum disposed of in landfills by industrial
21 waste sites and automotive industry application
22 each year.

23 (C) An estimate of the amount of alu-
24 minum, both in aggregate and per country, ex-

ported through foreign scrap purchases, including to foreign entities of concern, each year.

(D) Improvements to collection and sorting technologies needed to ensure aluminum is returned to and used in the supply chain.

(E) Policies necessary to ensure that—

(i) aluminum can be diverted from landfills; and

(ii) aluminum scrap that would otherwise be exported remains in the domestic supply chain.

(F) The effect of increased domestic aluminum recycling on—

(i) lessening the dependence of the United States on foreign entities of concern for sourcing aluminum; and

(ii) domestic manufacturing capacity for aluminum.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ALUMINUM SCRAP.—The term “aluminum scrap” means scrap that is composed primarily of aluminum.

(2) FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term “foreign entity of concern” has the meaning given

1 the term in section 40207(a) of the Infrastructure
2 Investment and Jobs Act (42 U.S.C. 18741(a)).

3 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
5 rector of the United States Geological Survey.

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