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To direct owners and operators of gas distribution pipeline facilities to assess systems for the presence of Aldyl-A polyethylene, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself, Mr. MEUSER, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. MACKENZIE, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

A BILL

To direct owners and operators of gas distribution pipeline facilities to assess systems for the presence of Aldyl-A polyethylene, 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 “Preventing Future
5 Vintage Plastic Pipeline Tragedies Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALDYL-A PIPELINES.**

2 (a) ASSESSMENT OF ALDYL-A POLYETHYLENE PIP-
3 ING.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
4 of this Act, each owner or operator of a gas distribution
5 pipeline facility shall assess its system for the presence
6 of Aldyl-A polyethylene.

7 (b) LIMITATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall not re-
9 quire owners and operators of gas distribution pipe-
10 line facilities to conduct excavation activities for the
11 purpose of the assessment required under subsection
12 (a).

13 (2) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this sub-
14 section affects the authority of the Secretary
15 under—

16 (A) section 60112 of title 49, United
17 States Code; or

18 (B) subsection (m) or (p) of section 60117
19 of that title.

20 (c) REPORTING.—Not later than 3 years after the
21 date of enactment of this Act, each owner or operator of
22 a pipeline facility described in subsection (a) shall submit
23 to the Secretary the estimated total pipeline mileage iden-
24 tified by the owner or operator as Aldyl-A polyethylene
25 piping.

1 (d) STATE PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM CERTIFI-
2 CATIONS.—Section 60105(b)(9)(A) of title 49, United
3 States Code, is amended by striking “of cast iron and bare
4 steel pipelines” and inserting the following: “of—

5 “(i) cast iron and bare steel pipelines;
6 and
7 “(ii) pipelines constructed of historic
8 plastics with known safety issues”.

9 (e) EVALUATION OF RISK IN DISTRIBUTION INTEG-
10 RITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS.—Section
11 60109(e)(7)(A)(i) of title 49, United States Code, is
12 amended by striking “presence of cast iron pipes and
13 mains in the distribution system; and” and inserting the
14 following: “presence, in the distribution system, of pipes
15 and mains made of—

16 “(I) cast iron;
17 “(II) unprotected steel;
18 “(III) wrought iron; or
19 “(IV) historic plastics with
20 known safety issues; and”.

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