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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Local Input Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT**
2 **IN LEASING DETERMINATIONS.**

3 (a) MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Prior to offering a parcel of
5 land for oil or gas leasing under section 17 of the
6 Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226), the Secretary
7 of the Interior shall meaningfully involve the public
8 and State, Tribal, and local government officials in
9 determining whether to offer that parcel for leasing
10 under such section.

11 (2) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—The meaning-
12 ful involvement required by paragraph (1) for a par-
13 cel of land shall include, at a minimum—

14 (A) public disclosure of—

15 (i) the proposal to offer such parcel
16 for leasing; and

17 (ii) an analysis of the expected effects
18 of offering such parcel for leasing on—

19 (I) the surface and subsurface re-
20 sources of the parcel; and

21 (II) uses of the parcel other than
22 uses for oil or gas activities, including
23 any such uses considered in a land
24 use plan developed for the parcel
25 under section 202 of the Federal

1 Land Policy and Management Act of
2 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712);

3 (B) an opportunity for the public to com-
4 ment on such proposal; and

5 (C) any consideration of input, including
6 from—

7 (i) the public;

8 (ii) State and local governments; and

9 (iii) government-to-government con-
10 sultation with federally recognized Indian
11 Tribes.

12 (b) LEASING DETERMINATION.—Based on the mean-
13 ingful involvement required by subsection (a) for a parcel
14 of land, the Secretary of the Interior may decide not to
15 offer such parcel for oil or gas leasing under section 17
16 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226).