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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ 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 “Pipeline Safety Act
5 of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 (a) OPERATIONAL EXPENSES.—There are authorized
8 to be appropriated to the Secretary of Transportation for
9 the necessary operational expenses of the Pipeline and

1 Hazardous Materials Safety Administration the following
2 amounts:

3 (1) \$24,215,000 for fiscal year 2020.

4 (2) \$24,941,450 for fiscal year 2021.

5 (b) GAS AND HAZARDOUS LIQUID.—Section
6 60125(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraphs
8 (A) through (D) and inserting the following:

9 “(A) \$160,800,000 for fiscal year 2020, of
10 which \$10,000,000 shall be expended for car-
11 rying out such section 12 and \$60,000,000
12 shall be expended for making grants; and

13 “(B) \$165,624,000 for fiscal year 2021 of
14 which \$10,000,000 shall be expended for car-
15 rying out such section 12 and \$61,800,000
16 shall be expended for making grants.”;

17 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraphs
18 (A) through (D) and inserting the following:

19 “(A) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, of
20 which \$5,000,000 shall be expended for car-
21 rying out such section 12 and \$9,000,000 shall
22 be expended for making grants; and

23 “(B) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2021, of
24 which \$5,000,000 shall be expended for car-

1 rying out such section 12 and \$9,000,000 shall
2 be expended for making grants.”; and

3 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “\$8,000,000
4 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2019” and in-
5 serting “\$9,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
6 through 2021”.

7 (c) EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANTS.—Section
8 60125(b)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is amended
9 by striking “\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2012
10 through 2015” and inserting “\$12,000,000 for each of fis-
11 cal years 2020 through 2021”.

12 (d) PIPELINE SAFETY INFORMATION GRANTS TO
13 COMMUNITIES.—Section 60130(c) of title 49, United
14 States Code, is amended by striking “section 2(b) of the
15 PIPES Act of 2016, the Secretary shall expend
16 \$1,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2019
17 to carry out this section” and inserting “section 2(a) of
18 the Pipeline Safety Act of 2019, the Secretary shall ex-
19 pend \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through
20 2021 to carry out this section”.

21 (e) STATE DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.—Sec-
22 tion 60134(i) of title 49, United States Code is amended
23 by striking “\$1,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2012
24 through 2015” and inserting “\$2,000,000 for each of fis-
25 cal years 2020 through 2021”.

1 (f) ONE-CALL NOTIFICATION PROGRAMS.—Section
2 6107 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by strik-
3 ing “\$1,058,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through
4 2019” and inserting “\$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years
5 2020 through 2021”.

6 **SEC. 3. PIPELINE SAFETY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

7 (a) DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY FOR PIPELINE AND
8 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.—

9 (1) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator of the
10 Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Adminis-
11 tration may appoint qualified candidates to positions
12 described in paragraph (2) without regard to sec-
13 tions 3309 through 3319 of title 5, United States
14 Code.

15 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The authority under
16 paragraph (1) applies with respect to candidates for
17 any position that would likely allow increased activi-
18 ties relating to pipeline safety, as determined by the
19 Administrator.

20 (3) TERMINATION.—The authority to make ap-
21 pointments under this subsection shall not be avail-
22 able after September 30, 2021.

23 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
24 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter through
25 calendar year 2021, the Administrator of the Pipeline and

1 Hazardous Materials Safety Administration shall submit
2 to Congress a report on the efforts of the Administration
3 to hire women, minorities, and veterans as inspectors since
4 January 1, 2012.