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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Co-Location Energy
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CO-LOCATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION TO EVALUATE LEASED AREAS
8 FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the authority
10 provided under section 8(p) of the Outer Continental

1 Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(p)) and section
2 501(a)(4) of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
3 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761(a)(4)), the Sec-
4 retary of the Interior may authorize a person to
5 evaluate an area of an existing Federal energy lease
6 for solar or wind energy development.

7 (2) CONSENT OF LEASEHOLDER.—The Sec-
8 retary of the Interior may not authorize a person to
9 evaluate an area under paragraph (1) unless the ap-
10 plicable leaseholder consents to the authorization.

11 (b) PERMITS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOP-
12 MENT ON EXISTING OIL, GAS, COAL, AND GEOTHERMAL
13 LEASE AREAS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the authority
15 provided under section 8(p) of the Outer Continental
16 Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(p)) and section
17 501(a)(4) of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
18 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761(a)(4)), the Sec-
19 retary of the Interior may issue a permit to author-
20 ize a person to construct or operate systems or fa-
21 cilities for the production, transportation, storage, or
22 transmission of energy from solar or wind resources
23 on an area of an existing Federal energy lease.

24 (2) CONSENT OF LEASEHOLDER.—The Sec-
25 retary of the Interior may not issue a permit for an

1 activity under paragraph (1) unless the applicable
 2 leaseholder consents to the issuance of the permit.

3 (c) CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS.—Not later than 180
 4 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Sec-
 5 retary of the Interior shall determine whether any of the
 6 actions for which a permit may be issued under subsection
 7 (b)(1), or any actions that may be carried out pursuant
 8 to a lease granted under section 8(p) of the Outer Conti-
 9 nental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(p)) or section
 10 501(a)(4) of the Federal Land Policy and Management
 11 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761(a)(4)), are a category of ac-
 12 tions that normally do not significantly affect the quality
 13 of the human environment within the meaning of section
 14 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of
 15 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)).

16 (d) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of the Interior
 17 may issue a rule to carry out this section.

18 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) EXISTING FEDERAL ENERGY LEASE.—The
 20 term “existing Federal energy lease” means a
 21 lease—

22 (A) of land managed by the Secretary of
 23 the Interior; and

1 (B) issued, granted, or renewed before, on,
2 or after the date of enactment of the Co-Loca-
3 tion Energy Act under—

4 (i) the Mineral Leasing Act (30
5 U.S.C. 181 et seq.); or

6 (ii) the Geothermal Steam Act of
7 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

8 (2) LEASE.—The term “lease” includes an
9 easement and right-of-way.

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