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# S. 4959

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2024

Ms. LUMMIS (for herself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. ROUNDS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## 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 “Reducing Environ-  
5 mental Gamesmanship Act” or the “REG Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON AGENCY RULE MAKING.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “agen-  
8 cy” and “rule” have the meanings given those terms in  
9 section 551 of title 5, United States Code.

1 (b) PROHIBITION.—In issuing a rule, or otherwise  
2 administering a duly enacted law of the United States, an  
3 agency may not consider environmental justice unless the  
4 agency is required to do so by law.

5 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS.**

6 Effective beginning on the date of enactment of this  
7 Act, the following Executive orders shall have no force or  
8 effect:

9 (1) Executive Order 12898 (42 U.S.C. 4321  
10 note; relating to Federal actions to address environ-  
11 mental justice in minority populations and low-in-  
12 come populations).

13 (2) Executive Order 14096 (42 U.S.C. 4321  
14 note; relating to revitalizing our Nation’s commit-  
15 ment to environmental justice for all).

16 (3) Executive Order 14008 (42 U.S.C. 4321  
17 note; relating to tackling the climate crisis at home  
18 and abroad).

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