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H. R. 10186

To prohibit the renaming of the Great Lakes and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 31, 2026

Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. LATIMER, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. COSTA, Mrs. GRIJALVA, Ms. TITUS, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. BROWN, Mr. POCAN, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. MANNION, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To prohibit the renaming of the Great Lakes 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 “Hands Off Our Great
5 Lakes Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBIT THE RENAMING OF THE GREAT LAKES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
8 sion of law, the President, the Secretary of the Interior,

1 and any officer or employee of the Federal Government
2 acting under the authority of the President may not alter,
3 change, redesignating, or otherwise rename the official ge-
4 ographic name of any of the following Great Lakes:

- 5 (1) Lake Superior;
- 6 (2) Lake Michigan;
- 7 (3) Lake Huron;
- 8 (4) Lake Erie; or
- 9 (5) Lake Ontario.

10 **SEC. 3. NULLIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 14422.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Executive Order 14422, “Hon-
12 oring the American History of the Great Lakes and Re-
13 naming Lake Ontario as Lake America”, issued on August
14 27, 2026, shall have no force or effect.

15 (b) PROHIBITION ON IMPLEMENTATION.—The Presi-
16 dent, the Secretary of the Interior, and any officer or em-
17 ployee of the Federal Government shall not issue, imple-
18 ment, administer, or enforce any Executive order, memo-
19 randum, proclamation, or other action issued for the pur-
20 pose of carrying out Executive Order 14422 or any sub-
21 stantially similar Executive order or action.

22 (c) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—No
23 Federal funds may be used, obligated, or expended to im-
24 plement, administer, or otherwise give effect to Executive

- 1 Order 14422 or any substantially similar Executive order
- 2 or action.

