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To impose a moratorium on closing, suspending, terminating leases of, ceasing construction of, consolidating, or otherwise imposing any new limitation on access to facilities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2025

Mr. AMO (for himself, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. SIMON, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PLASKETT, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. TOKUDA, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. KEATING, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. ROSS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. STANTON, Mr. FIELDS, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. CORREA, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. BEYER, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Ms. BONAMICI, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. IVEY, Mr. LATIMER, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. CASE, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. DEXTER, Ms. SCHRIER, Ms. MCBRIDE, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. FROST, and Mr. COHEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To impose a moratorium on closing, suspending, terminating leases of, ceasing construction of, consolidating, or other-

wise imposing any new limitation on access to facilities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 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 “Stop NOAA Closures
 5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MORATORIUM WITH RESPECT TO FACILITIES OF**
 7 **THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC**
 8 **ADMINISTRATION.**

9 (a) MORATORIUM.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 11 graphs (2) and (3), the Secretary of Commerce, the
 12 Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmos-
 13 pheric Administration, or the Administrator of Gen-
 14 eral Services, as the case may be, may not close,
 15 suspend, terminate a lease of, cease construction of,
 16 consolidate, or otherwise impose any new limitation
 17 on access to a facility of the Administration.

18 (2) EXCEPTION FOR EMERGENCIES.—Para-
 19 graph (1) shall not apply with respect to any tem-
 20 porary action by the Secretary of Commerce, the Ad-
 21 ministrator of the National Oceanic and Atmos-
 22 pheric Administration, or the Administrator of Gen-
 23 eral Services, as the case may be, to close, suspend,

1 terminate a lease of, cease construction of, consoli-
2 date, or otherwise limit access to a facility of the
3 Administration in response to an emergency that
4 poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of
5 personnel of the Administration.

6 (3) CESSATION UPON REPORT TO CONGRESS.—
7 Paragraph (1) shall cease to be effective on the date
8 that is 180 days after the report described in para-
9 graph (4) is submitted.

10 (4) REPORT.—Not earlier than January 21,
11 2029, the Secretary of Commerce, the Administrator
12 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-
13 tration, and the Administrator of General Services
14 shall jointly submit to the Committee on Science,
15 Space, and Technology and the Committee on Nat-
16 ural Resources of the House of Representatives and
17 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
18 portation of the Senate a report outlining and justi-
19 fying the process for selecting any facility of the Ad-
20 ministration for closure, suspension, termination of
21 a lease, cessation of construction, consolidation, or
22 other limitation on access to such a facility. Such re-
23 port shall include information relating to the fol-
24 lowing:

1 (A) An analysis of the criteria used for
2 such selection.

3 (B) A description of any method of cost-
4 benefit analysis applied in connection with such
5 closure, suspension, termination of lease, ces-
6 sation of construction, consolidation, or other
7 limitation, including any analysis that takes
8 into account the following:

9 (i) The anticipated savings resulting
10 from such closure, suspension, termination
11 of lease, cessation of construction, consoli-
12 dation, or other limitation.

13 (ii) The anticipated costs associated
14 with replacing services lost as a result of
15 such closure, suspension, termination of
16 lease, cessation of construction, consolida-
17 tion, or other limitation.

18 (iii) The anticipated impact on serv-
19 ices of the Administration.

20 (iv) Such other relevant factors as the
21 Secretary, the Administrator of the Admin-
22 istration, and the Administrator of General
23 Services may determine.

24 (b) FUTURE CLOSURES, SUSPENSIONS, TERMI-
25 NATIONS OF LEASES, CESSATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION,

1 CONSOLIDATIONS, AND OTHER LIMITATIONS ON AC-
2 CESS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3),
4 the Secretary of Commerce, the Administrator of the
5 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,
6 or the Administrator of General Services, as the case
7 may be, may not close, suspend, terminate a lease
8 of, cease construction of, consolidate, or otherwise
9 impose any new limitation on access to a facility of
10 the Administration unless the requirement of para-
11 graph (2) is satisfied.

12 (2) REQUIREMENT.—The requirement of this
13 paragraph is that not later than 30 days before a
14 closure, suspension, termination of lease, cessation
15 of construction, consolidation, or other limitation
16 with respect to a facility referred to in paragraph
17 (1), the Secretary of Commerce, the Administrator
18 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-
19 tration, and the Administrator of General Services
20 jointly submit to the Committee on Science, Space,
21 and Technology and the Committee on Natural Re-
22 sources of the House of Representatives and the
23 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
24 tation of the Senate a report outlining and justifying
25 the process for selecting such facility for such clo-

1 sure, suspension, termination of lease, cessation of
2 construction, consolidation, or other limitation. Such
3 report shall include information in accordance with
4 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (a)(4).

5 (3) EXCEPTION FOR EMERGENCIES.—Para-
6 graph (1) shall not apply with respect to any tem-
7 porary action by the Secretary of Commerce, the Ad-
8 ministrator of the National Oceanic and Atmos-
9 pheric Administration, or the Administrator of Gen-
10 eral Services, as the case may be, to close, suspend,
11 terminate a lease of, cease construction of, consoli-
12 date, or otherwise limit access to a facility of the
13 Administration in response to an emergency that
14 poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of
15 personnel of the Administration.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (b) shall apply
17 with respect to a closure, suspension, termination of lease,
18 cessation of construction, consolidation, or other limitation
19 referred to in paragraph (1) of such subsection occurring
20 after the cessation of the moratorium under subsection
21 (a).

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