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To direct the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study to identify the effects of covered geoengineering projects on the health of humans and the environment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRANE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Atmosphere Study
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GEOENGINEERING STUDY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, in con-

1 junction with any relevant Federal or State agencies, con-
2 duct a study to identify any negative effects of covered
3 geoengineering projects on the health of humans and the
4 environment.

5 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
6 on which the Secretary of Energy concludes the study re-
7 quired under subsection (a), the Secretary of Energy shall
8 submit to Congress a report on the results of such study.

9 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) COVERED GEOENGINEERING PROJECT.—

11 The term “covered geoengineering project” means a
12 project—

13 (A) funded in full or in part by Federal
14 funds; or

15 (B) that a Federal agency—

16 (i) may have participated in; or

17 (ii) is participating in.

18 (2) GEOENGINEERING.—The term

19 “geoengineering” means deliberate large-scale inter-
20 ventions in the Earth’s climate system to diminish
21 the effects of climate change, including—

22 (A) injecting metal-based aerosols into the
23 atmosphere or releasing sulfate into the strato-
24 sphere to reflect sunlight away from the Earth
25 and cool the surface of the Earth;

1 (B) spraying sea salt into low-lying marine
2 clouds to enhance the brightness and reflectivity
3 of such clouds; or

4 (C) any other similar technology, as deter-
5 mined by the Secretary.

6 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of Energy.

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