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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE 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 “Local Input Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT**
6 **IN LEASING DETERMINATIONS.**

7 (a) MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Prior to offering a parcel of
2 land for oil or gas leasing under section 17 of the
3 Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226), the Secretary
4 of the Interior shall meaningfully involve the public
5 and State, Tribal, and local government officials in
6 determining whether to offer that parcel for leasing
7 under such section.

8 (2) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—The meaning-
9 ful involvement required by paragraph (1) for a par-
10 cel of land shall include, at a minimum—

11 (A) public disclosure of—

12 (i) the proposal to offer such parcel
13 for leasing; and

14 (ii) an analysis of the expected effects
15 of offering such parcel for leasing on—

16 (I) the surface and subsurface re-
17 sources of the parcel; and

18 (II) uses of the parcel other than
19 uses for oil or gas activities, including
20 any such uses considered in a land
21 use plan developed for the parcel
22 under section 202 of the Federal
23 Land Policy and Management Act of
24 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712);

1 (B) an opportunity for the public to com-
2 ment on such proposal; and

3 (C) any consideration of input, including
4 from—

5 (i) the public;

6 (ii) State and local governments; and

7 (iii) government-to-government con-
8 sultation with federally recognized Indian
9 Tribes.

10 (b) LEASING DETERMINATION.—Based on the mean-
11 ingful involvement required by subsection (a) for a parcel
12 of land, the Secretary of the Interior may decide not to
13 offer such parcel for oil or gas leasing under section 17
14 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226).

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