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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUJÁN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 that section.

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

11 (A) public disclosure of—

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

14 (ii) an analysis of the expected effects
15 of offering the 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 uses considered in a land use plan
21 developed for the parcel under section
22 202 of the Federal Land Policy and
23 Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
24 1712);

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

3 (C) consideration of any 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 under subsection (a) for a par-
12 cel of land, the Secretary of the Interior may decide not
13 to offer that parcel for oil or gas leasing under section
14 17 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226).

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