

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 5394

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Mrs. GILLIBRAND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Hands Off Our Great
5 Lakes Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF THE RENAMING OF THE GREAT**
7 **LAKES.**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
9 President, the Secretary of the Interior, and any officer
10 or employee of the Federal Government acting under the
11 authority of the President may not alter, change, redesign-

1 nate, or otherwise rename the official geographic name of
 2 any of the following Great Lakes:

3 (1) Lake Superior.

4 (2) Lake Michigan.

5 (3) Lake Huron.

6 (4) Lake Erie.

7 (5) Lake Ontario.

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

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Executive Order 14422 entitled
 10 “Honoring the American History of the Great Lakes and
 11 Renaming Lake Ontario as Lake America” and issued on
 12 August 27, 2026, shall have no force or effect.

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

19 (1) the Executive order described in subsection

20 (a); or

21 (2) any substantially similar Executive order or
 22 action.

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

- 1 (1) the Executive order described in subsection
- 2 (a); or
- 3 (2) any substantially similar Executive order or
- 4 action.

