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To promote the national security and stability of the United States economy by reducing the dependence of the United States on foreign oil, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mr. BARTLETT) 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 “Oil Savings Act of
5 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the United States imports more oil from the
2 Middle East today than before the attacks on the
3 United States on September 11, 2001;

4 (2) the United States remains the most oil-de-
5 pendent industrialized nation in the world, con-
6 suming approximately 25 percent of the world's oil
7 despite having only 2–3 percent of the world's oil re-
8 serves;

9 (3) the ongoing dependence of the United
10 States on foreign oil is one of the greatest threats
11 to the national security and economy of the United
12 States; and

13 (4) the United States needs to take trans-
14 formative steps to wean itself from its addiction to
15 oil.

16 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHING AN INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.**

17 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
18 ment of this Act, a Commissioner of the Federal Trade
19 Commission, appointed by the Chairperson of the Federal
20 Trade Commission, shall establish, and serve as the Direc-
21 tor of, an interagency working group (in this Act referred
22 to as the “Working Group”) consisting of the Secretary
23 of Energy, the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regu-
24 latory Commission, and department heads from other ap-
25 propriate Federal entities determined by the Director.

1 **SEC. 4. ACTION PLAN.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Working Group
4 shall publish in the Federal Register an action plan.

5 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The action plan shall in-
6 clude—

7 (1) intermediate oil savings targets for each cal-
8 endar year beginning on the calendar year after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act;

10 (2) a list of requirements, including the oil sav-
11 ings to be achieved by each requirement, that will be
12 sufficient, when taken together, to save from the
13 baseline determined under section 7—

14 (A) 2,500,000 barrels of oil per day on av-
15 erage during calendar year 2015;

16 (B) 7,000,000 barrels of oil per day on av-
17 erage during calendar year 2025; and

18 (C) 10,000,000 barrels of oil per day on
19 average during calendar year 2030;

20 (3) a supply disruption strategy for Federal de-
21 partments and agencies to develop contingency plans
22 in the event of a supply disruption resulting in a
23 precipitous and short-term annualized decline of 4
24 percent of world oil production from the prior year's
25 baseline, and to provide timely advice to Congress
26 about cost-effective measures to mitigate the poten-

1 tial negative consequences of such a supply disrup-
2 tion; and

3 (4) a peak oil strategy for Federal departments
4 and agencies to develop contingency plans in the
5 event of a peak and subsequent annualized decline
6 of 4 percent of world oil production from the prior
7 year's baseline, and to provide timely advice to Con-
8 gress about cost-effective measures to mitigate the
9 potential negative consequences of such a peak.

10 (c) PROPOSED REGULATIONS.—Not later than 270
11 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Fed-
12 eral entity with jurisdiction to take action under any re-
13 quirement of the action plan shall propose, or issue a no-
14 tice of intent to propose, regulations meeting such require-
15 ment.

16 (d) NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROPOSE REGULA-
17 TIONS.—If a Federal entity issues a notice of intent to
18 propose regulations under this section, the entity shall
19 propose such regulations not later than 330 days after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act.

21 (e) FINAL REGULATIONS.—Not later than 18 months
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Federal
23 entity with jurisdiction to take action under any require-
24 ment of the action plan shall promulgate final versions of
25 the regulations required under this section.

1 (f) ACCOMPANYING ANALYSIS.—Each proposed and
2 final regulation promulgated under this section shall be
3 accompanied by an analysis from the applicable Federal
4 entity demonstrating that the regulation will achieve the
5 oil savings required by the action plan.

6 **SEC. 5. REPORT REQUIREMENT.**

7 Not later than January 1, 2012, and every 3 years
8 thereafter, the Working Group shall transmit to the Com-
9 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
11 Resources of the Senate a report that evaluates the
12 progress achieved in implementing the oil savings require-
13 ments established under section 4.

14 **SEC. 6. REVISED ACTION PLAN.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—If intermediate oil savings targets
16 set by the action plan are not met, not later than 60 days
17 after submission of a report required under section 5, the
18 Working Group may publish a revised action plan that is
19 sufficient to achieve the requirements established under
20 section 4.

21 (b) PROPOSED REGULATIONS.—Not later than 60
22 days after submission of the report required under section
23 5, each Federal entity with jurisdiction to take action
24 under any requirement of the revised action plan shall pro-

1 pose, or issue a notice of intent to propose, regulations
2 meeting such requirement.

3 (c) NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROPOSE REGULA-
4 TIONS.—If a Federal entity issues a notice of intent to
5 propose regulations under this section, the entity shall
6 propose such regulations not later than 120 days after
7 submission of the report required under section 5.

8 (d) FINAL REGULATIONS.—Not later than 6 months
9 after publication of the report required under section 5,
10 each Federal entity with jurisdiction to take action under
11 any requirement of the revised action plan shall promul-
12 gate final versions of the regulations required under this
13 section.

14 (e) ACCOMPANYING ANALYSIS.—Each proposed and
15 final regulation promulgated under this section shall be
16 accompanied by an analysis from the applicable Federal
17 entity demonstrating that the regulation will achieve the
18 oil savings required by the revised action plan.

19 **SEC. 7. DETERMINATION OF A BASELINE.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
21 date of the enactment of this Act, the Working Group es-
22 tablished under section 3 shall determine the baseline level
23 of United States consumption of barrels of oil per day on
24 average.

1 (b) ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION.—In
2 determining the baseline level of United States oil con-
3 sumption, the Working Group shall utilize the expertise
4 and resources of the Energy Information Administration,
5 particularly in validating statistical data that may be rel-
6 evant, and shall consider the Energy Information Admin-
7 istration’s Annual Energy Outlook 2008 and Annual En-
8 ergy Outlook 2009 Early Release.

9 (c) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL ENTITIES.—Each
10 executive department, bureau, commission, agency, board,
11 office, independent establishment, or instrumentality of
12 the Federal Government shall make available to the Work-
13 ing Group upon request any data, information, estimates,
14 statistics, and access to any employee necessary for the
15 determination of the baseline under this section.

