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To direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out the Clean Cities program,
and for other purposes.

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Mr. ISRAEL (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. BONO MACK, Mr. BOREN, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. BARTLETT, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. HOLT, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. SIRES, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. WELCH, Mr. TONKO, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. MASSA, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. ENGEL, and Mrs. CAPPS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Cities program, and for other purposes.

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 “Clean Cities Program
5 Authorization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) More than two-thirds of all petroleum used
2 in the United States for transportation is imported
3 petroleum.

4 (2) In 1993, to make the United States eco-
5 nomically secure, to lessen petroleum dependence,
6 and to reduce tailpipe and greenhouse gas emissions,
7 the Department of Energy established the Clean Cit-
8 ies program.

9 (3) The program, a partnership between public
10 and private entities, is now the Department of Ener-
11 gy's flagship transportation deployment and petro-
12 leum fuel reduction program.

13 (4) The program is based on the concept that
14 Federal support can empower local citizens and or-
15 ganizations to become the leaders of a national
16 movement for change.

17 (5) The program established a national network
18 of nearly 90 coalitions comprised of local partner-
19 ships located in communities representing three-
20 quarters of the population of the United States, with
21 nearly 5,700 stakeholders from local businesses,
22 State and local governments, the transportation in-
23 dustry, community organizations, and alternative
24 fuel providers.

1 (6) In the past 10 years, the program has pro-
2 vided \$43,000,000 in competitive grant funds, which
3 were leveraged into \$214,000,000 in matching funds
4 from other organizations, and the coalitions
5 stretched these dollars even further by obtaining an
6 additional \$845,000,000 in funding since 1993.

7 (7) Marking more than 15 years of progress,
8 the Clean Cities program coalitions have reduced pe-
9 troleum use by more than 2,000,000,000 gallons,
10 placed 500,000 alternative fuel vehicles on the road,
11 established alternative fuel infrastructure in thou-
12 sands of strategic locations, and moved alternative
13 fuel and advanced technology vehicles into the main-
14 stream.

15 (8) The program is ideally positioned to lead
16 the United States toward a clean, secure, and envi-
17 ronmentally friendly transportation future.

18 **SEC. 3. CLEAN CITIES PROGRAM.**

19 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Energy shall
20 carry out the Clean Cities program to encourage and ac-
21 celerate the use of non-petroleum based fuels, alternative
22 fuel vehicles, and other advanced vehicle technologies and
23 practices that achieve significant reduction in the overall
24 use of petroleum in the transportation sector. Such pro-

1 gram shall be a partnership between government and in-
2 dustry.

3 (b) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—The program under
4 subsection (a) shall—

5 (1) promote the establishment of vehicle and in-
6 frastructure projects that incorporate petroleum re-
7 duction technologies, and include educational efforts
8 to inform the public and government officials on the
9 benefits and advantages of using alternative fuels
10 and advanced technology vehicles technologies;

11 (2) provide training, technical assistance, and
12 tools to end-users that adopt petroleum reduction
13 technologies;

14 (3) collaborate with and train fire officials,
15 emergency first responders, and safety code officials;

16 (4) undertake coordinating efforts between Fed-
17 eral, local, and State agencies and the alternative
18 fuel and advanced technology vehicle industry;

19 (5) facilitate the development of necessary re-
20 fueling and service support infrastructure for petro-
21 leum reduction technologies; and

22 (6) develop Internet-based tools and resources
23 for the education and training of consumers and
24 Clean Cities program stakeholders.

1 (c) ASSISTANCE AWARDS.—Under the program, the
2 Secretary may provide direct financial assistance grants
3 to local and State government agencies, nonprofit organi-
4 zations, and alternative fuel and advanced technology vehi-
5 cle stakeholders who are working with Clean Cities coal-
6 tions. These grants shall support the deployment and use
7 of alternative fuels and petroleum reduction technologies
8 in on-road vehicles.

9 (d) COALITION FORMATION.—In carrying out the
10 Clean Cities program the Secretary shall encourage and
11 support the voluntary formation of local Clean Cities’ or-
12 ganizations around the country. These local organizations
13 shall be made up of State and local government officials
14 and also include vehicle owners and operators, fuel and
15 service providers, automobile dealers, community service
16 organizations, and other private and public stakeholders
17 interested in pursuing aggressive petroleum reduction
18 goals in the transportation sector.

19 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

20 (1) ALTERNATIVE FUELS.—The term “alter-
21 native fuels” has the meaning given such term in
22 section 301(2) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42
23 U.S.C. 13211(2)).

24 (2) ALTERNATIVE FUELED VEHICLES.—The
25 term “alternative fueled vehicles” has the meaning

1 given such term in section 301(3) of the Energy Pol-
2 icy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13211(3)).

3 (3) PROGRAM.—The term “program” means
4 the Clean Cities program.

5 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
6 purpose of carrying out this Act, there are authorized to
7 be appropriated \$125,000,000 for the 5-fiscal-year period
8 beginning in fiscal year 2010.

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