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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2019

Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Jobs, Not Waste Act
3 of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. STUDYING THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF ALTER-**
5 **NATIVE USES OF YUCCA MOUNTAIN SITE.**

6 (a) **DEFINITION OF YUCCA MOUNTAIN SITE.**—In this
7 Act, the term “Yucca Mountain site” has the meaning
8 given the term in section 2 of the Nuclear Waste Policy
9 Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101).

10 (b) **STUDY; HEARINGS.**—The Secretary of Energy
11 may not take any action relating to the licensing, plan-
12 ning, development, or construction of a nuclear waste re-
13 pository at the Yucca Mountain site until—

14 (1) the Director of the Office of Management
15 and Budget submits to Congress, and makes avail-
16 able to the public, a study on the economic viability
17 and job-creating benefits of alternative uses of the
18 Yucca Mountain site as described in the report of
19 the Government Accountability Office numbered
20 GAO–11–847 and dated September 2011, includ-
21 ing—

22 (A) defense activities, such as a command
23 facility for unmanned aircraft systems;

24 (B) a secure electronic data center;

25 (C) the development of renewable energy
26 sources; and

1 (D) scientific research; and
2 (2) each of the appropriate committees of Con-
3 gress holds a hearing on the alternative uses of the
4 Yucca Mountain site described in subparagraphs (A)
5 through (D) of paragraph (1).

