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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the President to develop a plan for the United States to meet its nationally determined contribution under the Paris Agreement, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. CASTOR of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Climate Action Now
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) In Paris, on December 12, 2015, parties to
2 the United Nations Framework Convention on Cli-
3 mate Change (UNFCCC) reached a landmark agree-
4 ment to combat climate change and to accelerate
5 and intensify the actions and investments needed for
6 a sustainable low carbon future.

7 (2) The Paris Agreement's central aim is to
8 strengthen the global response to the threat of cli-
9 mate change by keeping a global temperature rise
10 well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial lev-
11 els and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature in-
12 crease even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

13 (3) The Paris Agreement requires all parties to
14 put forward their best efforts through nationally de-
15 termined contributions (NDCs) and to strengthen
16 these efforts in the years ahead.

17 (4) The Paris Agreement further requires each
18 party to update its nationally determined contribu-
19 tion every 5 years, with each successive nationally
20 determined contribution representing a progression
21 beyond the previous nationally determined contribu-
22 tion, and reflecting the party's highest possible am-
23 bition.

24 (5) The United States communicated its nation-
25 ally determined contribution to achieve an economy-

1 wide target of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions
2 by 26 to 28 percent below its 2005 level in 2025 and
3 to make best efforts to reduce its emissions by 28
4 percent.

5 (6) A number of existing laws, regulations, and
6 other mandatory measures in the United States are
7 relevant to achieving this target, including the Clean
8 Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), the Energy Policy
9 Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–486), and the Energy
10 Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Public Law
11 110–140).

12 (7) On June 1, 2017, President Trump an-
13 nounced his intention to withdraw the United States
14 from the Paris Agreement, which would leave the
15 United States as the only UNFCCC member state
16 that is not a signatory to the Paris Agreement.

17 (8) Under the terms of the Paris Agreement,
18 the earliest possible effective withdrawal date by the
19 United States is November 4, 2020. However, the
20 United States is still obligated to maintain certain
21 commitments under the Paris Agreement, such as
22 continuing to report its emissions to the United Na-
23 tions.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO ADVANCE THE**
2 **WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED STATES FROM**
3 **THE PARIS AGREEMENT.**

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds
5 are authorized to be appropriated, obligated, or expended
6 to take any action to advance the withdrawal of the United
7 States from the Paris Agreement.

8 **SEC. 4. PLAN FOR THE UNITED STATES TO MEET ITS NA-**
9 **TIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION**
10 **UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall de-
13 velop and submit to the appropriate congressional commit-
14 tees and make available to the public a plan for the United
15 States to meet its nationally determined contribution
16 under the Paris Agreement that describes—

17 (1) how the United States will achieve an econ-
18 omy-wide target of reducing its greenhouse gas
19 emissions by 26 to 28 percent below its 2005 level
20 by 2025; and

21 (2) how the United States will use the Paris
22 Agreement’s transparency provisions to confirm that
23 other parties to the Agreement with major econo-
24 mies are fulfilling their announced contributions to
25 the Agreement.

1 (b) UPDATES TO PLAN.—Not later than one year
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
3 thereafter, the President shall submit to the appropriate
4 congressional committees and make available to the public
5 an updated plan under subsection (a).

6 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
7 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
8 sional committees” means—

9 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
10 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House
11 of Representatives; and

12 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
13 Committee on Environment and Public Works, and
14 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of
15 the Senate.

16 **SEC. 5. PARIS AGREEMENT DEFINED.**

17 In this Act, the term “Paris Agreement” means the
18 decision by the United Nations Framework Convention on
19 Climate Change’s 21st Conference of Parties in Paris,
20 France, adopted December 12, 2015.