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To provide for congressional approval of a nuclear aircraft carrier waste disposal plan before the construction of CVN-76, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on National Security

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. NUCLEAR CARRIER WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN.**

4 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—Within one year of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit
6 to Congress a 20-year plan for the safe life-cycle mainte-
7 nance and decommissioning of the Navy's nuclear-powered
8 aircraft carriers. The plan shall provide for—

9 (1) sites and methods for safe disposal of spent
10 nuclear fuel; and

1 (2) sites and methods for the safe disposal of
2 the ships' hulls, structures, machinery, and equip-
3 ment.

4 (b) CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.—Notwithstanding
5 any other provision of law, no funds may be obligated for
6 the construction of the next nuclear-powered aircraft car-
7 rier (CVN-76) until the plan set forth in the report re-
8 quired by subsection (a) (or an alternative plan meeting
9 the same requirements as set forth in subsection (a)) has
10 been approved by law.

11 **SEC. 2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY OF NUCLEAR AIR-**
12 **CRAFT CARRIER ACCIDENTS.**

13 Within one year of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
14 retary of Energy shall submit to Congress a report detail-
15 ing the likelihood and environmental impact of a reactor
16 accident aboard a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, includ-
17 ing—

18 (1) a noncombat accident or systems failure;

19 and

20 (2) a combat-related accident or systems fail-
21 ure.

22 **SEC. 3. COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS.**

23 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Within one year of the en-
24 actment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United
25 States shall submit to Congress a report detailing the

1 costs and benefits of the construction of another nuclear-
2 powered aircraft carrier (CVN-76). The report shall in-
3 clude—

4 (1) detailed estimates of the cost of construct-
5 ing and operating CVN-76;

6 (2) the operational benefits of a nuclear-pow-
7 ered aircraft carrier in comparison to a convention-
8 ally powered aircraft carrier;

9 (3) the operational limitations of nuclear-pow-
10 ered aircraft carriers that have been put into place
11 by foreign nations and international law;

12 (4) the feasibility and budget impact of fulfill-
13 ing the Navy's strategic commitments through the
14 construction of a conventionally powered aircraft
15 carrier; and

16 (5) the feasibility and budget impact of fulfill-
17 ing the Navy's strategic commitments through the
18 performance of a Service Life Extension Program on
19 the U.S.S. America (CV-66).

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