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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself, Mr. RAHALL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BARR, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. ENYART, and Mr. CRAMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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 “Fossil Energy Encour-
5 agement and Accountability Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) the United States depends on fossil re-
9 sources for over 80 percent of its energy needs;

1 (2) the Department of Energy’s Fossil Energy
2 Research and Development program focuses on de-
3 veloping affordable, safe, and clean mechanisms to
4 enhance and utilize domestic fossil energy resources
5 in the most efficient manner;

6 (3) the investment in this program supports an
7 existing research and development portfolio of over
8 1,000 projects that includes nearly \$7 billion in pri-
9 vate sector-contributed costs and that represents
10 over 55,000 job years;

11 (4) the Fossil Energy Research and Develop-
12 ment program is responsible for developing innova-
13 tive control technologies that are now in operation
14 on three out of every four coal-burning power plants
15 in the United States;

16 (5) as a result of these technology innovations,
17 emissions of criterion pollutants such as sulphur di-
18 oxide and nitrogen oxide have decreased by an aver-
19 age of 85 percent, which eliminated problems associ-
20 ated with acid rain;

21 (6) hydraulic fracturing of natural gas shale is
22 a product of research and technological innovations
23 initiated under the Department of Energy’s Fossil
24 Energy Research and Development program;

1 (7) the Fossil Energy Research and Develop-
2 ment program is currently developing advanced tech-
3 nologies to support a competitive future for our low-
4 cost coal and gas resources for use in power genera-
5 tion and industrial applications;

6 (8) these advanced technologies will support
7 new power platforms of the future that will be highly
8 efficient, including technologies such as ultra super-
9 critical materials production, advanced gas turbines,
10 gasification platforms that can also enable the ex-
11 pansion of domestic fuels, the liquids and chemical
12 industry, and advanced energy platforms including
13 pressured oxycoal combustion and chemical looping;
14 and

15 (9) it is important that the Department of En-
16 ergy continue to develop these technologies and have
17 sufficient funds to ensure that a diverse portfolio of
18 options are available to ensure that the United
19 States can compete in a clean energy future, one
20 which will include significant fossil fuel resources.

21 **SEC. 3. FOSSIL ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

22 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
23 retary of Energy for fiscal year 2015 for fossil energy re-
24 search and development \$734,000,000, of which—

1 (1) \$435,000,000 shall be for coal research and
2 development;

3 (2) \$171,000,000 shall be for program direc-
4 tion;

5 (3) \$100,000,000 shall be for natural gas and
6 oil research and development;

7 (4) \$17,000,000 shall be for plant and capital
8 equipment; and

9 (5) \$11,000,000 shall be for environmental res-
10 toration.

11 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL ENERGY TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY.**

12 None of the funds authorized by section 2 may be
13 used to—

14 (1) transform any element of the National En-
15 ergy Technology Laboratory into a government-
16 owned, contractor-operated laboratory, or to consider
17 or plan for any such transformation;

18 (2) consolidate or close any element of the Na-
19 tional Energy Technology Laboratory; or

20 (3) transfer National Energy Technology Lab-
21 oratory human resources functions from any labora-
22 tory.

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