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To exclude vehicles used solely for competition from certain provisions of the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2016

Mr. MCHENRY (for himself, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Recognizing the Pro-
5 tection of Motorsports Act of 2016” or the “RPM Act of
6 2016”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress finds that—

9 (1) at the time the Clean Air Act was written,
10 and each time the Clean Air Act has been amended,

1 the intent of Congress has been, and continues to
2 be, that vehicles manufactured for, modified for, or
3 utilized in organized motorized racing events would
4 not be encompassed by the Clean Air Act’s definition
5 of “motor vehicle”;

6 (2) when Congress sought to regulate nonroad
7 vehicles in 1990, it explicitly excluded from the defi-
8 nition of “nonroad vehicle” any vehicle used solely
9 for competition;

10 (3) despite the clear intent of Congress, the En-
11 vironmental Protection Agency has cited the Clean
12 Air Act as authority for regulating vehicles used
13 solely for competition; and

14 (4) the Environmental Protection Agency has
15 exceeded its statutory authority in its recent actions
16 to regulate vehicles used solely for competition.

17 **SEC. 3. EXCLUSION OF VEHICLES USED SOLELY FOR COM-**
18 **PETITION FROM THE ANTI-TAMPERING PRO-**
19 **VISIONS OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT.**

20 Section 203 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7522)
21 is amended by adding at the end of subsection (a) the fol-
22 lowing: “No action with respect to any device or element
23 of design referred to in paragraph (3) shall be treated as
24 a prohibited act under that paragraph if the action is for

1 the purpose of modifying a motor vehicle into a vehicle
2 to be used solely for competition.”.

3 **SEC. 4. EXCLUSION OF VEHICLES USED SOLELY FOR COM-**
4 **PETITION FROM THE DEFINITION OF MOTOR**
5 **VEHICLE IN THE CLEAN AIR ACT.**

6 Section 216 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7550)
7 is amended by striking “.” at the end of paragraph (2)
8 and inserting “and that is not a vehicle used solely for
9 competition, including any vehicle so used that was con-
10 verted from a motor vehicle.”.

11 **SEC. 5. IMPLEMENTATION.**

12 Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment
13 of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
14 tection Agency shall finalize any regulations necessary to
15 implement the amendments made by this Act.

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