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# H. R. 7066

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2024

Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. FULCHER, and Mr. BENTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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 “Defending Against Ma-  
5 nipulative Negotiators Act” or the “DAMN Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO**  
2 **BREACH LOWER SNAKE RIVER DAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds may be used  
4 to—

5 (1) allow, lead to, or study the breach or func-  
6 tional alteration of, including study of power, flood  
7 control, or navigation replacement of, or provide  
8 dam removal technical assistance for, the Lower  
9 Snake River dams; or

10 (2) implement the Columbia Basin Restoration  
11 Initiative, as proposed in the memorandum of under-  
12 standing filed on December 14, 2023, in the District  
13 Court for the District of Oregon in National Wildlife  
14 Federation, et al. v. National Marine Fisheries Serv-  
15 ice, et al. (Case No. 3:01-cv-00640-SI).

16 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Lower  
17 Snake River dams” means the following dams in the State  
18 of Washington, authorized by section 2 of the Act of  
19 March 2, 1945 (chapter 19, 59 Stat. 21):

20 (1) Ice Harbor Dam.

21 (2) Lower Monumental Dam.

22 (3) Little Goose Dam.

23 (4) Lower Granite Dam.

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