

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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to certain qualified coal applications, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. LUMMIS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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actions with respect to certain qualified coal applications,  
and for other purposes.

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 “Combating Obstruction  
5 Against Leasing Act of 2025” or the “COAL Act of  
6 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. LEASING FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED COAL APPLICA-**  
8 **TIONS.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) COAL LEASE.—The term “coal lease”  
2       means a lease entered into by the United States as  
3       lessor, through the Bureau of Land Management,  
4       and an applicant, as lessee, on Bureau of Land  
5       Management Form 3400–012 (or a successor form).

6           (2) QUALIFIED APPLICATION.—The term  
7       “qualified application” means any application for a  
8       coal lease pending as of the date of enactment of  
9       this Act submitted under the lease by application  
10      program administered by the Bureau of Land Man-  
11      agement pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act (30  
12      U.S.C. 181 et seq.) and subpart 3425 of part 3420  
13      of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect  
14      on the date of enactment of this Act), for which the  
15      environmental review process under the National  
16      Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321  
17      et seq.) has commenced as of that date of enact-  
18      ment.

19      (b) MANDATORY LEASING AND OTHER REQUIRED  
20      APPROVALS.—As soon as practicable after the date of en-  
21      actment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

22           (1) with respect to each qualified application—  
23                (A) if not previously published for public  
24                comment, publish—

1 (i) a draft environmental assessment,  
2 as required under the National Environ-  
3 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.  
4 4321 et seq.); and

5 (ii) any applicable implementing regu-  
6 lations;

7 (B) finalize the fair market value of the  
8 coal tract for which the qualified application is  
9 pending;

10 (C) take all intermediate actions necessary  
11 to grant the qualified application; and

12 (D) grant the qualified application; and

13 (2) with respect to previously awarded coal  
14 leases, grant any additional approvals of the Depart-  
15 ment of the Interior or any bureau, agency, or divi-  
16 sion of the Department of the Interior required for  
17 mining activities to commence.

18 **SEC. 3. FUTURE COAL LEASING.**

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Secre-  
20 tarial Order 3338, issued by the Secretary of the Interior  
21 on January 15, 2016 (relating to the Federal coal morato-  
22 rium), shall have no force or effect.