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1ST SESSION

S. 1259

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2023

Ms. ERNST introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Put the Brakes on
5 Boondoggles Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR**
2 **CERTAIN TRANSIT AND RAIL PROJECTS.**

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
4 retary of Transportation shall not provide any new assist-
5 ance for a transit or rail project if—

6 (1) the overall cost projection to complete the
7 project exceeds the original cost projection by at
8 least \$1,000,000,000; and

9 (2) the operational and administrative costs of
10 the service provided by the project are projected to
11 exceed the revenues generated from ridership annu-
12 ally over the next decade.

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