

To restart oil and gas leasing and permitting on Federal land, and for other purposes.

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Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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3 SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON MORATORIA OF NEW OIL AND

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) FEDERAL LAND.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Federal
8 land” means—

9 (i) National Forest System land;

1 (ii) public lands (as defined in section
2 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Man-
3 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702));
4 and

5 (iii) the outer Continental Shelf (as
6 defined in section 2 of the Outer Conti-
7 nental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331)).

8 (B) INCLUSION.—The term “Federal
9 land” includes any interest in land described in
10 clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of subparagraph (A) that
11 is owned by the United States.

12 (C) EXCLUSION.—The term “Federal
13 land” does not include—

14 (i) a unit of the National Park Sys-
15 tem; or

16 (ii) a unit of the National Wildlife
17 Refuge System (other than a unit of the
18 National Wildlife Refuge System for which
19 oil and gas drilling is allowed under law).

20 (2) PRESIDENT.—The term “President” means
21 the President or any designee.

22 (b) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
23 sion of law, the President—

1 (1) shall immediately and without delay hold
2 Federal onshore and offshore oil and gas lease sales;
3 and

4 (2) shall not carry out any action that would
5 prohibit or delay the issuance of oil or gas leases,
6 permits, approvals, or authorizations on Federal
7 land, unless such an action has been authorized by
8 an Act of Congress.

9 **SEC. 2. RESCISSION OF CERTAIN ENERGY POLICIES RELAT-**
10 **ING TO OIL AND NATURAL GAS DEVELOP-**
11 **MENT.**

12 Section 208 of Executive Order 14008 (42 U.S.C.
13 4321 note; relating to tackling the climate crisis at home
14 and abroad) is rescinded and shall have no force or effect.

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