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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2022

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. LUJÁN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lowering Federal
3 Usage of Energy to Lessen Costs Act of 2022” or the
4 “Lowering FUEL Costs Act of 2022”.

5 **SEC. 2. STRATEGIES TO REDUCE THE COST OF TRANSPOR-**
6 **TATION FUELS IN THE UNITED STATES.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
9 trator” means the Administrator of General Serv-
10 ices.

11 (2) CHAIR.—The term “Chair” means the
12 Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality.

13 (3) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
14 the Director of the Office of Management and Budg-
15 et.

16 (4) STRATEGIES.—The term “strategies”
17 means the short-term and long-term strategies to re-
18 duce the cost of transportation fuels for consumers
19 in the United States through Federal conservation
20 developed under subsection (b).

21 (5) TRANSPORTATION FUEL.—The term “trans-
22 portation fuel” has the meaning given the term in
23 section 211(o)(1) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.
24 7545(o)(1)).

25 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
2 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director,
3 the Administrator, and the Chair, in coordination
4 with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies,
5 shall develop and publicly release short-term and
6 long-term coordinated strategies to reduce the cost
7 of transportation fuels for consumers in the United
8 States through Federal conservation.

9 (2) INCLUSIONS.—The strategies shall in-
10 clude—

11 (A) a plan on how the General Services
12 Administration can reduce, for the period dur-
13 ing which the average cost of transportation
14 fuel in the United States is greater than the av-
15 erage price of that fuel on December 1, 2021,
16 the usage of transportation fuels by vehicles in
17 the Federal fleet by 10 percent below the aver-
18 age amount of transportation fuels used by
19 those vehicles in 2019, subject to the condition
20 that the plan shall not apply to transportation
21 fuels needed for national defense, homeland se-
22 curity, or law enforcement purposes of the
23 United States; and

24 (B) recommendations to Congress on any
25 legislation, authorities, or administrative actions

1 necessary to reduce the cost of transportation
2 fuels for consumers in the United States.

3 (c) IMPLEMENTATION OF SHORT-TERM STRATE-
4 GIES.—Not later than 3 months after the date on which
5 the short-term strategies developed under subsection (b)
6 are publicly released, the Director, the Administrator, and
7 the Chair, in coordination with the heads of other relevant
8 Federal agencies, shall begin to implement those short-
9 term strategies.

10 (d) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—The strategies developed
11 under subsection (b) shall not apply to—

12 (1) vehicles in the Federal fleet that are not
13 under the management of the Administrator; or

14 (2) vehicles under the management of the
15 United States Postal Service.

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