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H. R. 5666

To establish an Office of Public Engagement within the Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Ms. STRICKLAND introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish an Office of Public Engagement within the
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

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. OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
6 Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
7 shall establish an office within the Administration known
8 as the Office of Public Engagement (in this section re-
9 ferred to as the “Office”).

1 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Office is to
2 proactively engage with pipeline stakeholders, including
3 the public, to promote the adoption and increased use of
4 safety programs and activities, provide technical expertise,
5 raise awareness to continuously improve pipeline safety,
6 and to assist the public with inquiries regarding pipeline
7 safety.

8 (c) LOCATION.—The Office shall be located in an ap-
9 propriate location within the Administration as deter-
10 mined by the Administrator.

11 (d) DIRECTOR.—The Office shall be administered by
12 a Director. The Director—

13 (1) shall be appointed by the Administrator, or
14 the Administrator’s designee;

15 (2) shall be responsible for the discharge of the
16 functions and duties of the Office;

17 (3) may assign the duties of employees of the
18 Office;

19 (4) shall coordinate active and ongoing assist-
20 ance and engagement with the public with respect to
21 the authorities exercised by the Administration; and

22 (5) shall ensure such Office initiates programs
23 accessible to the public, including language access
24 and auxiliary aids and services.

1 (e) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appro-
2 priated to the Secretary \$12,000,000, for each of the fiscal
3 years 2024 through 2027 to establish the Office.

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