

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6481

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to reimburse the fee for an expression of interest if the expression of interest becomes inactive, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Ms. HAGEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

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. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TERM AND FEE RE-**
4 **IMBURSEMENT.**

5 Section 17(q) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
6 226(q)) is amended—

7 (1) in the heading, by striking “FEE FOR”;

1 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “nonrefund-
2 able”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(3) TERM.—An expression of interest sub-
5 mitted under this section shall remain active for a
6 term of not less than 5 years.

7 “(4) INACTIVE STATUS.—If an expression of in-
8 terest becomes inactive, the Secretary shall refund
9 the fee for the expression of interest to the person
10 that submitted the expression of interest.”.

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