

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6011

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to notify applicants of the completion status of right-of-way applications under section 501 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act.

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 “Right-Of-Way Applica-
3 tion Transparency and Accountability Act” or the
4 “ROWATA Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DETERMINATION REGARDING RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**

6 (a) NOTICE.—Not later than 90 days after the Sec-
7 retary concerned receives an application to grant a right-
8 of-way, the Secretary concerned shall—

9 (1) notify the applicant as to whether the appli-
10 cation is complete; or

11 (2) notify the applicant that information is
12 missing and specify any information that is required
13 to be submitted for the application to be complete.

14 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

15 (1) RIGHT-OF-WAY.—The term “right-of-way”
16 means—

17 (A) a right-of-way issued, granted, or re-
18 newed under section 501 of the Federal Land
19 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
20 1761); or

21 (B) a right-of-way granted under section
22 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 185).

23 (2) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
24 retary concerned” means—

25 (A) with respect to public lands, the Sec-
26 retary of the Interior; and

1 (B) with respect to National Forest Sys-
2 tem lands, the Secretary of Agriculture.

Passed the House of Representatives April 11, 2024.

Attest:

Clerk.

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