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Mr. SHUSTER (for himself and Mr. RAHALL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Transportation Re-
5 ports Elimination Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIRE-**
7 **MENTS.**

8 (a) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.—

1 (1) AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES COMMITTEE RE-
2 PORTS.—Section 106(p)(7) of title 49, United States
3 Code, is amended—

4 (A) by striking subparagraph (H); and

5 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (I) as
6 subparagraph (H).

7 (2) ANNUAL SUMMARIES OF FINANCIAL RE-
8 PORTS.—Subsection (k) of section 47107 of title 49,
9 United States Code, is repealed.

10 (3) PIPELINE SAFETY INFORMATION GRANTS
11 TO COMMUNITIES ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 60130
12 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

13 (A) by striking subsection (c); and

14 (B) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
15 section (c).

16 (4) PILOT PROGRAM FOR INNOVATIVE FINANC-
17 ING OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT ANNUAL
18 REPORT.—Section 182 of the Vision 100—Century
19 of Aviation Reauthorization Act (49 U.S.C. 44502
20 note) is amended—

21 (A) by striking subsection (e); and

22 (B) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
23 section (e).

24 (5) JUSTIFICATION FOR AIR DEFENSE IDENTI-
25 FICATION ZONE.—Section 602 of the Vision 100—

1 Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (Public
2 Law 108–176; 117 Stat. 2563), and the item relat-
3 ing to that section in the table of contents in section
4 1(b) of that Act, are repealed.

5 (6) STANDARDS FOR AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT
6 ENGINES TO REDUCE NOISE LEVELS ANNUAL RE-
7 PORT.—Section 726 of the Wendell H. Ford Avia-
8 tion Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Cen-
9 tury (49 U.S.C. 47508 note) is amended by striking
10 subsection (c).

11 (b) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.—

12 (1) GREAT LAKES MANAGEMENT COMPREHEN-
13 SIVE REPORT.—Section 118(c) of the Federal Water
14 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(c)) is amend-
15 ed—

16 (A) by striking paragraph (10); and

17 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (11),
18 (12), and (13) as paragraphs (10), (11), and
19 (12), respectively.

20 (2) GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT
21 TO CONGRESS.—The Indian Environmental General
22 Assistance Program Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4368b)
23 is amended by striking subsection (i).

24 (3) RESEARCH PROGRAM RESPECTING OCEAN
25 DUMPING AND OTHER METHODS OF WASTE DIS-

1 POSAL REPORT BY ADMINISTRATOR.—Section 204 of
2 the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries
3 Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1444) is amended—

4 (A) by striking subsection (b); and

5 (B) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
6 section (b).

7 **SEC. 3. CONSOLIDATION OR MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN**
8 **REPORTS.**

9 (a) MARINE SAFETY REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

10 (1) CONSOLIDATION.—Section 2116(d)(2)(B) of
11 title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking
12 “under subsection (b); and” and inserting “under
13 subsection (b), which shall include an identification
14 of—

15 “(i) the number of civilian and mili-
16 tary Coast Guard personnel assigned to
17 marine safety positions; and

18 “(ii) marine safety positions that are
19 understaffed for purposes of facilitating
20 the strategy and achieving the goals de-
21 scribed in subsection (a); and”.

22 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 57 of
23 title 14, United States Code, is amended—

24 (A) by striking subsection (e); and

1 (B) by redesignating subsections (f), (g),
2 and (h) as subsections (e), (f), and (g), respec-
3 tively.

4 (b) MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ANNUAL
5 REPORT.—

6 (1) CONSOLIDATION.—Section 70103 of title
7 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at
8 the end the following:

9 “(f) ANNUAL REPORT.—On the date on which the
10 President submits to Congress a budget pursuant to sec-
11 tion 1105 of title 31, the Secretary of the department in
12 which the Coast Guard is operating shall submit to the
13 Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on
14 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,
16 and Transportation of the Senate a report that includes—

17 “(1) with respect to the last full fiscal year pre-
18 ceding the report—

19 “(A) a summary of—

20 “(i) security standards established
21 pursuant to this section; and

22 “(ii) the level of compliance and steps
23 taken to ensure compliance by ports, ter-
24 minals, vessel operators, and shippers with

1 respect to security standards established
2 pursuant to this section; and

3 “(B) a statement of the number of—

4 “(i) security zones established for ves-
5 sels containing especially hazardous cargo;
6 and

7 “(ii) vessels containing especially haz-
8 ardous cargo provided a waterborne secu-
9 rity escort, subdivided by Federal, State,
10 local, or private security provider; and

11 “(2) an assessment of any additional vessels,
12 personnel, infrastructure, or other resources that
13 may be necessary to provide waterborne escorts to
14 vessels containing especially hazardous cargo for
15 which a security zone is established.”.

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

17 (A) ESPECIALLY HAZARDOUS CARGO.—

18 Section 70103(e) of title 46, United States
19 Code, is amended by striking paragraph (2) and
20 inserting the following:

21 “(2) ESPECIALLY HAZARDOUS CARGO DE-
22 FINED.—In this subsection and subsection (f), the
23 term ‘especially hazardous cargo’ means anhydrous
24 ammonia, ammonium nitrate, chlorine, liquefied nat-
25 ural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, and any other sub-

1 stance, material, or group or class of material, in a
2 particular amount and form that the Secretary de-
3 termines by regulation poses a significant risk of
4 creating a transportation security incident while
5 being transported in maritime commerce.”.

6 (B) VESSEL AND INTERMODAL SECURITY
7 REPORTS.—Section 809 of the Coast Guard and
8 Maritime Transportation Act of 2004 (46
9 U.S.C. 70101 note) is amended—

10 (i) in subsection (a) by striking “and
11 (j)” and inserting “and (i)”;

12 (ii) by striking subsection (i); and

13 (iii) by redesignating subsections (j)
14 and (k) as subsections (i) and (j), respec-
15 tively.

16 (c) MODIFICATIONS.—

17 (1) INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT NEEDS RE-
18 PORT.—Section 503(b)(8)(A) of title 23, United
19 States Code, is amended by striking “July 31, 2013,
20 and July 31” and inserting “July 31, 2014, and
21 July 31”.

22 (2) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Section 609 of
23 title 23, United States Code, is amended—

24 (A) in subsection (a) by striking “June 1,
25 2012,” and inserting “June 1, 2014,”; and

1 (B) in subsection (b)(1) by striking “De-
2 cember 1, 2012,” and inserting “December 1,
3 2014,”.

4 (3) PUBLIC MASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
5 REPORT.—Section 308(e)(1) of title 49, United
6 States Code, is amended by striking “March 1998,
7 and in March” and inserting “July 2014, and in
8 July”.

9 (4) EVALUATION AND AUDIT OF NATIONAL
10 TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD.—Section 1138(a)
11 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by strik-
12 ing “at least annually, but may be conducted”.

13 (5) BRIEFINGS.—Section 20017(b)(6) of MAP-
14 21 (49 U.S.C. 5324 note; 126 Stat. 706) is amend-
15 ed—

16 (A) in subparagraph (A) by inserting after
17 “the Senate” the following: “and the Com-
18 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
19 the House of Representatives”; and

20 (B) in subparagraph (B) by inserting after
21 “the Senate” the following: “and the Com-
22 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
23 the House of Representatives”.

1 **SEC. 4. PAPERLESS REPORTS.**

2 (a) RAILWAY-HIGHWAY CROSSINGS ANNUAL RE-
3 PORT.—Section 130(g) of title 23, United States Code, is
4 amended by striking the third sentence and inserting the
5 following: “The Secretary shall make available to the pub-
6 lic on the Web site of the Department of Transportation,
7 not later than April 1, 2014, and every 2 years thereafter,
8 a report on the progress being made by the State in imple-
9 menting projects to improve railway-highway crossings.”.

10 (b) NATIONAL BRIDGE AND TUNNEL INVENTORY
11 REPORT.—Section 144(d)(1)(B) of title 23, United States
12 Code, is amended by striking “submit to the Committee
13 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
14 Representatives and the Committee on Environment and
15 Public Works of the Senate” and inserting “make avail-
16 able to the public on the Web site of the Department of
17 Transportation”.

18 (c) SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DELIVERY
19 PROGRAM REPORT.—Section 327 of title 23, United
20 States Code, is amended by striking subsection (i) and in-
21 serting the following:

22 “(i) REPORT.—The Secretary shall make available to
23 the public on the Web site of the Department of Transpor-
24 tation an annual report that describes the administration
25 of the program.”.

1 (d) HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS BIENNIAL RE-
2 PORT.—Section 402(n) of title 23, United States Code,
3 is amended—

4 (1) by striking “TO CONGRESS” in the sub-
5 section heading; and

6 (2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
7 striking “submit a report to the Committee on
8 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
9 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
10 Science, and Transportation of the Senate” and in-
11 serting “make available to the public on the Web
12 site of the Department of Transportation a report”.

13 (e) IN-VEHICLE ALCOHOL DETECTION DEVICE RE-
14 SEARCH REPORTS.—Section 403(h)(4) of title 23, United
15 States Code, is amended by striking “submit an annual
16 report to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
17 Transportation of the Senate, the Committee on Trans-
18 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
19 tives, and Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
20 of the House of Representatives” and inserting “make
21 available to the public on the Web site of the Department
22 of Transportation an annual report”.

23 (f) NATIONAL ITS PROGRAM PLAN REPORTING.—
24 Section 512(b) of title 23, United States Code, is amended
25 by striking “submitted” and all that follows through the

1 period at the end and inserting “made available to the
2 public, and updated biennially, on the Web site of the De-
3 partment of Transportation.”.

4 (g) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT.—Section
5 515(h)(4) of title 23, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking “of each year after the date of
7 enactment of the Transportation Research and Inno-
8 vative Technology Act of 2012,” and inserting “,
9 2014, and biennially thereafter,”;

10 (2) by striking “submit to Congress” and in-
11 sserting “make available to the public on the Web
12 site of the Department of Transportation”; and

13 (3) in subparagraph (A) by striking “calendar
14 year” and inserting “2 calendar years”.

15 (h) NATIONAL FERRY DATABASE UPDATE RE-
16 PORT.—Section 1801(e)(3) of SAFETEA-LU (23 U.S.C.
17 129 note) is amended by inserting “and shall make any
18 such modified report available to the public on the Web
19 site of the Department” before the period at the end.

20 (i) HIGH-RISK RURAL ROADS BEST PRACTICES RE-
21 PORT.—Section 1112(b)(2)(A) of MAP-21 (23 U.S.C.
22 148 note) is amended by striking “submit to the Com-
23 mittee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate
24 and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
25 of the House of Representatives” and inserting “make

1 available to the public on the Web site of the Depart-
2 ment”.

3 (j) COMPLETION TIME ASSESSMENT REPORT.—Sec-
4 tion 1323(a)(2) of MAP–21 (126 Stat. 553) is amended
5 by striking “submit to the Committee on Transportation
6 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and
7 the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the
8 Senate” and inserting “make available to the public on
9 the Web site of the Department”.

10 (k) ADDITIONAL REPORT.—Section 1323(b) of
11 MAP–21 (126 Stat. 554) is amended by striking “submit
12 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
13 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
14 Environment and Public Works of the Senate” and insert-
15 ing “make available to the public on the Web site of the
16 Department”.

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