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H. R. 5042

To provide that section 216 of Executive Order 14008 shall have no force or effect, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CHENEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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

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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. LIMITATION ON EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACQUISI-**
4 **TION OF LAND.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 216 of Executive Order
6 14008 (86 Fed. Reg. 7619; relating to tackling the climate
7 crisis at home and abroad) shall have no force or effect.

8 (b) EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTION RESTRICTED.—The
9 President, and each Federal agency, may not—

1 (1) take an action if the sole authorization for
2 such action is a report or recommendation initiated
3 pursuant to a covered Executive order or campaign;

4 (2) mandate that a State, Tribal, or local gov-
5 ernment adopt, or participate in, specific conserva-
6 tion practices developed as the result of a report or
7 recommendation initiated pursuant to a covered Ex-
8 ecutive order or campaign;

9 (3) with respect to private property owners who
10 do not wish to sell their property to the Federal
11 Government, use Federal agency programs or funds
12 to acquire private property from such private prop-
13 erty owners in order to increase Federal holdings of
14 public lands based on a report or recommendation
15 initiated pursuant to a covered Executive order or
16 campaign; or

17 (4) with respect to private land, mandate that
18 the owners of such land adopt, or participate in,
19 conservation practices developed as the result of a
20 report or recommendation initiated pursuant to a
21 covered Executive order or campaign.

22 (c) DOI PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES.—On an an-
23 nual basis, with respect to any private land acquired by
24 the Federal Government as the result of a report or rec-
25 ommendation initiated pursuant to a covered Executive

1 order or campaign, the Secretary of the Interior shall pay
2 to each county the amount such land would be assessed
3 for property taxes, as determined by the county, if such
4 land remained private land.

5 (d) COVERED ORDER OR CAMPAIGN DEFINED.—In
6 this section, the term “covered Executive order or cam-
7 paign” means—

8 (1) section 216 of Executive Order 14008 (86
9 Fed. Reg. 7619; relating to tackling the climate cri-
10 sis at home and abroad);

11 (2) any successor Executive order; and

12 (3) a program, campaign, or effort with similar
13 goals to section 216 of Executive Order 14008, in-
14 cluding the America the Beautiful campaign.

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