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To amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to extend liability to corporations, partnerships, and other persons having ownership interests in responsible parties, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia (for himself and Mr. TONKO) 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 “Stand by your Oil Pol-
5 lution Act” (or the “STOP Act”).

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY.**

2 Section 1001(32) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990
3 (33 U.S.C. 2701(32)) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 “(G) PERSON HAVING OWNERSHIP INTER-
6 EST.—Any corporation, partnership, or other
7 person (other than an individual) having an
8 ownership interest (directly or indirectly), in
9 any person (including a lessee, permittee, or li-
10 censee) described in any of subparagraphs (A)
11 through (F) if such ownership interest is, in the
12 aggregate, more than 25 percent of the total
13 ownership interests in such person.”.

14 **SEC. 3. LIMITS ON LIABILITY.**

15 Section 1004 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33
16 U.S.C. 2704) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(e) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF CERTAIN PER-
19 SONS.—The liability of a responsible party described in
20 section 1001(32)(G) with respect to an incident shall not
21 exceed the percentage of the aggregate ownership inter-
22 ests, determined at the time of such incident, of such re-
23 sponsible party in all other responsible parties with respect
24 to such incident.”.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by this Act shall apply to an
3 incident occurring on or after January 1, 2010.

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