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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue a right-of-way permit with respect to a natural gas distribution pipeline within Valley Forge National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2022

Ms. DEAN (for herself, Ms. HOULAHAN, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Valley Forge Park Re-
5 alignment Permit and Promise Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT FOR PIPELINE SEGMENT AT**
2 **VALLEY FORGE NHP.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, the Secretary may issue a right-of-way permit
5 pursuant to part 14 of title 36, Code of Federal Regula-
6 tions (as in effect on the date of the enactment of this
7 Act), for the covered pipeline segment if the covered pipe-
8 line segment is relocated to a proposed realignment of Val-
9 ley Forge Park Road and North Gulph Road within the
10 Park.

11 (b) LIMITATIONS.—

12 (1) NO EXPANSION, UPGRADE, OR IMPROVE-
13 MENT.—A right-of-way permit issued under sub-
14 section (a) shall not allow expansion, upgrade, or
15 improvement of the covered pipeline segment except
16 as may be required by law for safe operation and
17 maintenance of the pipeline.

18 (2) SCOPE OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to
19 grant a right-of-way permit under subsection (a)
20 shall apply only to the covered pipeline segment and
21 shall not apply to any other part of the natural gas
22 distribution pipeline system or any other pipeline
23 system within the Park.

24 (c) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITION.—The Sec-
25 retary may include any additional terms and conditions

1 in the right-of-way permit issued under subsection (a) as
2 the Secretary determines necessary.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) COVERED PIPELINE SEGMENT.—The term
5 “covered pipeline segment” means the portions of
6 the natural gas distribution pipeline (including all
7 appurtenances used in the operation of such pipe-
8 line) within the Park—

9 (A) existing on the date of the enactment
10 of this Act; and

11 (B) that are located under, along, or adja-
12 cent to the segments of North Gulph Road and
13 Valley Forge Park Road (SR3039 and SR0023
14 respectively, as those roads were aligned on
15 January 21, 2022) that are between—

16 (i) the intersection of North Gulph
17 Road with Richards Road; and

18 (ii) a point on Valley Forge Park
19 Road located 500 feet northwest of its
20 intersection with County Line Road.

21 (2) PARK.—The term “Park” means Valley
22 Forge National Historical Park.

23 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
24 the Secretary of the Interior.

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