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# H. R. 958

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for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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

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## A BILL

To eliminate certain programs of the Environmental  
Protection Agency, and for other purposes.

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 “Wasteful EPA Pro-  
5 grams Elimination Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF EPA GRANT PROGRAMS.**

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

1           (1) all grant programs of the Environmental  
2           Protection Agency that are in effect as of the date  
3           of enactment of this Act are hereby terminated; and

4           (2) the Administrator of the Environmental  
5           Protection Agency may not establish or implement  
6           any grant program.

7   **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR NEW OZONE**  
8                                   **STANDARDS.**

9           No funds made available under any Act may be used  
10          by the Environmental Protection Agency to implement any  
11          ozone standard promulgated after the date of enactment  
12          of this Act, including any national primary or secondary  
13          ambient air quality standard for ozone promulgated (or  
14          revised) under section 109 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.  
15          7409).

16   **SEC. 4. ELIMINATION OF FUNDING FOR CERTAIN REGULA-**  
17                                   **TIONS AND PROGRAMS.**

18          (a) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds may be used  
19          by the Environmental Protection Agency—

20                 (1) to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from  
21                 mobile sources (including cars, trains, airplanes, and  
22                 non-road equipment);

23                 (2) to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from  
24                 fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units under  
25                 the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.);

1           (3) for the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program  
2 or any similar or successor program;

3           (4) for the Global Methane Initiative or any  
4 similar or successor initiative;

5           (5) for the Climate Resilience Fund or any  
6 similar or successor fund;

7           (6) for the Climate Resilience Evaluation  
8 Awareness Tool or any similar or successor tool;

9           (7) for the Green Infrastructure Program or  
10 any similar or successor program;

11           (8) for the Climate Ready Water Utilities Ini-  
12 tiative or any similar or successor initiative; or

13           (9) for climate research at the Office of Re-  
14 search and Development of the Environmental Pro-  
15 tection Agency.

16       (b) DEFINITION OF GREENHOUSE GAS.—In this Act,  
17 the term “greenhouse gas” means any of carbon dioxide,  
18 methane, nitrous oxide, sulfur hexafluoride,  
19 hydrofluorocarbons, and perfluorocarbons.

20 **SEC. 5. TERMINATION OF CERTAIN EPA PROGRAMS.**

21       (a) NATIONAL CLEAN DIESEL CAMPAIGN.—The En-  
22 vironmental Protection Agency’s National Clean Diesel  
23 Campaign is hereby terminated.

1 (b) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS.—The En-  
2 vironmental Protection Agency’s environmental justice  
3 programs are hereby terminated.

4 **SEC. 6. ELIMINATION OF EPA REGIONAL OFFICES.**

5 The Administrator of the Environmental Protection  
6 Agency shall discontinue operation and maintenance of the  
7 Environmental Protection Agency’s State, regional, dis-  
8 trict, local, and other field offices, and activities carried  
9 out through those offices.

10 **SEC. 7. DISPOSAL OR LEASING OF UNDERUTILIZED PROP-**  
11 **ERTY REQUIRED.**

12 (a) DISPOSAL OR LEASING REQUIRED.—The Admin-  
13 istrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall dis-  
14 pose of or lease any property determined by the Office of  
15 Inspector General of the Environmental Protection Agen-  
16 cy to be underutilized in the report entitled “EPA Can  
17 Further Reduce Space in Under-Utilized Facilities” dated  
18 February 20, 2013.

19 (b) FAIR MARKET VALUE REQUIREMENT.—Real  
20 property sold pursuant to this section shall be sold at not  
21 less than the fair market value as determined by the Ad-  
22 ministrator. Costs associated with disposal may not exceed  
23 the fair market value of the property unless the Adminis-  
24 trator approves incurring such costs.

1           (c) MONETARY PROCEEDS REQUIREMENT.—Real  
2 property may be sold pursuant to this section only if the  
3 property will generate monetary proceeds to the Federal  
4 Government, as provided in subsection (b). Disposal of  
5 real property pursuant to this section may not include any  
6 exchange, trade, transfer, acquisition of like-kind prop-  
7 erty, or other non-cash transaction as part of the disposal.

8           (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
9 tion shall be construed as terminating or in any way lim-  
10 iting authorities that are otherwise available to agencies  
11 under other provisions of law to dispose of Federal real  
12 property, except as provided in subsection (e).

13           (e) EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—  
14 Any expedited disposal of a real property conducted pursu-  
15 ant to this section shall not be subject to—

16               (1) subchapter IV of chapter 5 of title 40,  
17               United States Code;

18               (2) sections 550 and 553 of title 40, United  
19               States Code;

20               (3) section 501 of the McKinney-Vento Home-  
21               less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411);

22               (4) any other provision of law authorizing the  
23               no-cost conveyance of real property owned by the  
24               Federal Government; or

1           (5) any congressional notification requirement  
2           other than that in section 545 of title 40, United  
3           States Code.

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