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116TH CONGRESS
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To establish a microplastics pilot program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MAST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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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. MICROPLASTICS PILOT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the En-
5 vironmental Protection Agency (referred to in this section
6 as the “Administrator”) shall establish a pilot program
7 (referred to in this section as the “pilot program”) to test
8 the efficacy and cost effectiveness of tools, technologies,
9 and techniques—

1 (1) to remove microplastics from the environ-
2 ment; and

3 (2) to prevent the release of microplastics into
4 the environment.

5 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the pilot pro-
6 gram, the Administrator shall include the testing of—

7 (1) natural infrastructure;

8 (2) green infrastructure (as defined in section
9 502 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33
10 U.S.C. 1362)); and

11 (3) mechanical removal systems (such as
12 pumps) and filtration technologies.

13 (c) ELIGIBLE PILOT PROGRAM LOCATIONS.—In car-
14 rying out the pilot program, the Administrator may carry
15 out projects located in—

16 (1) stormwater systems;

17 (2) wastewater treatment facilities;

18 (3) drinking water systems; and

19 (4) ports, harbors, inland waterways, estuaries,
20 and marine environments.

21 (d) OUTREACH.—In determining selection criteria
22 and projects to carry out under the pilot program, the Ad-
23 ministrators shall conduct outreach to—

1 (1) the Interagency Marine Debris Coordinating
2 Committee established under section 5(a) of the Ma-
3 rine Debris Act (33 U.S.C. 1954(a)); and

4 (2) stakeholders and experts in the applicable
5 field, as determined by the Administrator.

6 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
7 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit
8 to Congress a report describing the outreach conducted
9 under subsection (d).

10 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
11 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
12 essary to carry out this section.