

A Bill to Establish a Climate Superfund to Hold Polluters Accountable

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The federal government shall establish a Climate Superfund requiring corporations responsible for significant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to contribute to climate adaptation projects, ensuring that polluters bear the financial burden of climate change damages.

SECTION 2.

- a. Climate Adaptation Projects shall be implemented to to mitigate the negative impacts of climate change, including but not limited to:
 - (i) Infrastructure upgrades to withstand extreme weather events;
 - (ii) Coastal and floodplain restoration projects;
 - (iii) Renewable energy transitions and grid resilience improvements;
 - (iv) Public health initiatives addressing climate-related diseases and conditions.
- b. Entities responsible for significant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions shall be defined as corporations responsible for emitting more than 1 billion metric tons of GHGs between January 1, 2000, and December 31, 2020, as determined by historical emissions data. Responsible entities must make annual contributions to the Climate Superfund

SECTION 3.

a. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this Act, in coordination with the Department of the Treasury and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

b. A Climate Superfund Oversight Board, composed of independent experts, environmental justice advocates, and state representatives, shall be established to ensure transparency, equity, and efficiency in fund allocation.

c. Entities failing to comply will be subject to escalating fines and legal action by the Department of Justice.

SECTION 4.

This legislation shall take effect in FY 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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