

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 9

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At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 6. RECOGNIZING THE DUTY OF THE FEDERAL GOV-**

2 **ERNMENT TO CREATE A GREEN NEW DEAL.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The October 2018 report entitled “Special
5 Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C” by the Inter-
6 governmental Panel on Climate Change and the No-
7 vember 2018 Fourth National Climate Assessment
8 report found that—

9 (A) human activity is the dominant cause
10 of observed climate change over the past cen-
11 tury;

12 (B) a changing climate is causing sea lev-
13 els to rise and an increase in wildfires, severe
14 storms, droughts, and other extreme weather
15 events that threaten human life, healthy com-
16 munities, and critical infrastructure;

17 (C) global warming at or above 2 degrees
18 Celsius beyond preindustrialized levels will
19 cause—

1 (i) global reductions in greenhouse gas
2 emissions from human sources of 40 to 60
3 percent from 2010 levels by 2030; and

4 (ii) net-zero global emissions by 2050.

5 (2) Because the United States has historically
6 been responsible for a disproportionate amount of
7 greenhouse gas emissions, having emitted 20 percent
8 of global greenhouse gas emissions through 2014,
9 and has a high technological capacity, the United
10 States must take a leading role in reducing emis-
11 sions through economic transformation.

12 (3) The United States is currently experiencing
13 several related crises, with—

14 (A) life expectancy declining while basic
15 needs, such as clean air, clean water, healthy
16 food, and adequate health care, housing, trans-
17 portation, and education, are inaccessible to a
18 significant portion of the United States popu-
19 lation;

20 (B) a 4-decade trend of wage stagnation,
21 deindustrialization, and antilabor policies that
22 has led to—

23 (i) hourly wages overall stagnating
24 since the 1970s despite increased worker
25 productivity;

1 regional, social, environmental, and economic injus-
2 tices (referred to in this section as “systemic injus-
3 tices”) by disproportionately affecting indigenous
4 peoples, communities of color, migrant communities,
5 deindustrialized communities, depopulated rural
6 communities, the poor, low-income workers, women,
7 the elderly, the unhoused, people with disabilities,
8 and youth (referred to in this section as “frontline
9 and vulnerable communities”).

10 (5) Climate change constitutes a direct threat
11 to the national security of the United States—

12 (A) by impacting the economic, environ-
13 mental, and social stability of countries and
14 communities around the world; and

15 (B) by acting as a threat multiplier.

16 (6) The Federal Government-led mobilizations
17 during World War II and the New Deal created the
18 greatest middle class that the United States has ever
19 seen, but many members of frontline and vulnerable
20 communities were excluded from many of the eco-
21 nomic and societal benefits of those mobilizations.

22 (7) Congress recognizes that a new national, so-
23 cial, industrial, and economic mobilization on a scale
24 not seen since World War II and the New Deal era
25 is a historic opportunity—

1 (v) a sustainable environment; and
2 (E) to promote justice and equity by stop-
3 ping current, preventing future, and repairing
4 historic oppression of indigenous peoples, com-
5 munities of color, migrant communities,
6 deindustrialized communities, depopulated rural
7 communities, the poor, low-income workers,
8 women, the elderly, the unhoused, people with
9 disabilities, and youth;

10 (2) the goals described in subparagraphs (A)
11 through (E) of paragraph (1) (referred to in this
12 section as the “Green New Deal goals”) should be
13 accomplished through a 10-year national mobiliza-
14 tion (referred to in this section as the “Green New
15 Deal mobilization”) that will require the following
16 goals and projects—

17 (A) building resiliency against climate
18 change-related disasters, such as extreme
19 weather, including by leveraging funding and
20 providing investments for community-defined
21 projects and strategies;

22 (B) repairing and upgrading the infra-
23 structure in the United States, including—

1 (F) spurring massive growth in clean man-
2 ufacturing in the United States and removing
3 pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from
4 manufacturing and industry as much as is tech-
5 nologically feasible, including by expanding re-
6 newable energy manufacturing and investing in
7 existing manufacturing and industry;

8 (G) working collaboratively with farmers
9 and ranchers in the United States to remove
10 pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from
11 the agricultural sector as much as is techno-
12 logically feasible, including—

13 (i) by supporting family farming;

14 (ii) by investing in sustainable farm-
15 ing and land use practices that increase
16 soil health; and

17 (iii) by building a more sustainable
18 food system that ensures universal access
19 to healthy food;

20 (H) overhauling transportation systems in
21 the United States to remove pollution and
22 greenhouse gas emissions from the transpor-
23 tation sector as much as is technologically fea-
24 sible, including through investment in—

1 (M) identifying other emission and pollu-
2 tion sources and creating solutions to remove
3 them; and

4 (N) promoting the international exchange
5 of technology, expertise, products, funding, and
6 services, with the aim of making the United
7 States the international leader on climate ac-
8 tion, and to help other countries achieve a
9 Green New Deal;

10 (3) a Green New Deal must be developed
11 through transparent and inclusive consultation, col-
12 laboration, and partnership with frontline and vul-
13 nerable communities, labor unions, worker coopera-
14 tives, civil society groups, academia, and businesses;
15 and

16 (4) to achieve the Green New Deal goals and
17 mobilization, a Green New Deal will require the fol-
18 lowing goals and projects—

19 (A)) providing and leveraging, in a way
20 that ensures that the public receives appro-
21 priate ownership stakes and returns on invest-
22 ment, adequate capital (including through com-
23 munity grants, public banks, and other public
24 financing), technical expertise, supporting poli-
25 cies, and other forms of assistance to commu-

1 build wealth and community ownership, while
2 prioritizing high-quality job creation and eco-
3 nomic, social, and environmental benefits in
4 frontline and vulnerable communities, and
5 deindustrialized communities, that may other-
6 wise struggle with the transition away from
7 greenhouse gas intensive industries;

8 (F) ensuring the use of democratic and
9 participatory processes that are inclusive of and
10 led by frontline and vulnerable communities and
11 workers to plan, implement, and administer the
12 Green New Deal mobilization at the local level;

13 (G) ensuring that the Green New Deal mo-
14 bilization creates high-quality union jobs that
15 pay prevailing wages, hires local workers, offers
16 training and advancement opportunities, and
17 guarantees wage and benefit parity for workers
18 affected by the transition;

19 (II) guaranteeing a job with a family-sus-
20 taining wage, adequate family and medical
21 leave, paid vacations, and retirement security to
22 all people of the United States;

23 (I) strengthening and protecting the right
24 of all workers to organize, unionize, and collec-

- 1 (N) ensuring a commercial environment
2 where every businessperson is free from unfair
3 competition and domination by domestic or
4 international monopolies; and
- 5 (O) providing all people of the United
6 States with—
- 7 (i) high-quality health care;
 - 8 (ii) affordable, safe, and adequate
9 housing;
 - 10 (iii) economic security; and
 - 11 (iv) clean water, clean air, healthy and
12 affordable food, and access to nature.

