Amendment to H.R. 1503 Offered by Mr. Graves

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC.15. ENERGY POVERTY STUDY.

(a) The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Labor and Secretary of Energy, shall submit to Congress a report that—

(1) identifies criteria for determining whether an at-risk community is experiencing energy poverty;

(2) identifies at-risk communities experiencing energy poverty;

(3) analyzes the impact of this Act, Executive Order 13990 titled, "Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis" (published at 86 Fed. Reg. 7037 (January 25, 2021)) and the Executive Order 14008 titled, "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad" (published at 86 Fed. Reg. 7619 (February 1, 2021)) on communities identified in the report as experiencing energy poverty with respect to energy prices, employment, education, wages, consumer pricing and homeownership; and

(4) provides recommendations on how to address energy poverty in at-risk communities

(b) Definitions.—In this section—

(1) the term "energy poverty" means a condition in which individuals and families are not able to afford standard heating and electric needs or are spending twenty-five percent of household income on their household electric bill;

(2) the term "at-risk community" means—

- (A) a low-income community;
- (B) a minority community;
- (C) a rural community;
- (D) an elderly community; or
- (E) a Native American community.