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**AMENDMENT OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HUFFMAN TO  
THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5616**

On Page 4, before line 1, insert the following new subsection (e) and renumber the subsequent material accordingly:

(e) DUE DILIGENCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Prior to conducting each offshore lease sale under this Act, the Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (referred to as the “Director” in this subsection) shall take steps to ensure that any party directly impacted by the lease sale, including stakeholders listed under clause (ii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of this subsection, shall—

- (A) have routine and continuing opportunities to discuss and submit information to the Director for consideration during the development of any lease sale;
- (B) be informed by the Director of the schedule for preparation of lease sale documents; and
- (C) receive a copy of any proposed action and have the opportunity to review documents and provide comment to the Director (which shall be afforded due consideration during development).

(2) MEETINGS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—During any consultation or analysis carried out in preparation for a lease sale under this Act, the Director shall, on a quarterly basis, hold stakeholder meetings to provide updates on the development of the lease sale.

(B) PARTICIPANTS.—Each stakeholder meeting held under subparagraph (A) shall—

- (i) be open to stakeholders identified by the Director; and
- (ii) include stakeholders that represent a broad range of interests, including environmental, recreational and commercial fishing, conventional and renewable energy, ports, and other regional interests, including public health and environmental justice.