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# H. R. 5509

To modernize permitting systems at the Department of the Interior, and  
for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PORTER (for herself and Mr. LAMALFA) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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Interior, and for other 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Electronic Permitting  
5 Modernization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR PERMIT ACCESSI-**  
7 **BILITY.**

8 In order to improve the overall economy, efficiency,  
9 and management of operations and activities of the De-  
10 partment of the Interior (referred to in this section as the

1 “Department”), reduce paperwork, and provide high-quality  
2 ity services and access to the public, the Secretary of the  
3 Interior shall, to the extent practicable—

4 (1) design and deliver modernized electronic  
5 permitting systems to accept, process, and record  
6 applications (including plan submissions, payment  
7 activity, and other related correspondence) for permits,  
8 forms, and other paperwork required for activities  
9 regulated by the Department;

10 (2) provide a centralized electronic permitting  
11 system online repository, available to the public on  
12 the Department’s website, that includes—

13 (A) hyperlinks to facilitate navigation to  
14 all Department electronic permitting systems;  
15 and

16 (B) with respect to permits, the contact information  
17 for the appropriate Department employees providing assistance  
18 to State, Tribal, and local governments; and

19 (3) provide to the Committee on Natural Resources  
20 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy  
21 and Natural Resources of the Senate periodic updates on the  
22 implementation of paragraphs (1) and (2).  
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