

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. UPTON OF MICHIGAN

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Pipeline Safety Act
3 of 2019”.

4 SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

5 (a) OPERATIONAL EXPENSES.—There are authorized
6 to be appropriated to the Secretary of Transportation for
7 the necessary operational expenses of the Pipeline and
8 Hazardous Materials Safety Administration the following
9 amounts:

10 (1) \$24,215,000 for fiscal year 2020.

11 (2) \$24,941,450 for fiscal year 2021.

12 (b) GAS AND HAZARDOUS LIQUID.—Section
13 60125(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraphs
15 (A) through (D) and inserting the following:

16 “(A) \$160,800,000 for fiscal year 2020, of
17 which \$10,000,000 shall be expended for car-

1 rying out such section 12 and \$60,000,000
2 shall be expended for making grants; and

3 “(B) \$165,624,000 for fiscal year 2021 of
4 which \$10,000,000 shall be expended for car-
5 rying out such section 12 and \$61,800,000
6 shall be expended for making grants.”;

7 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraphs
8 (A) through (D) and inserting the following:

9 “(A) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, of
10 which \$5,000,000 shall be expended for car-
11 rying out such section 12 and \$9,000,000 shall
12 be expended for making grants; and

13 “(B) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2021, of
14 which \$5,000,000 shall be expended for car-
15 rying out such section 12 and \$9,000,000 shall
16 be expended for making grants.”; and

17 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “\$8,000,000
18 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2019” and in-
19 serting “\$9,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
20 through 2021”.

21 (c) EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANTS.—Section
22 60125(b)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is amended
23 by striking “\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2012
24 through 2015” and inserting “\$12,000,000 for each of fis-
25 cal years 2020 through 2021”.

1 (d) PIPELINE SAFETY INFORMATION GRANTS TO
2 COMMUNITIES.—Section 60130(c) of title 49, United
3 States Code, is amended by striking “section 2(b) of the
4 PIPES Act of 2016, the Secretary shall expend
5 \$1,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2019
6 to carry out this section” and inserting “section 2(a) of
7 the Pipeline Safety Act of 2019, the Secretary shall ex-
8 pend \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through
9 2021 to carry out this section”.

10 (e) STATE DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.—Sec-
11 tion 60134(i) of title 49, United States Code is amended
12 by striking “\$1,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2012
13 through 2015” and inserting “\$2,000,000 for each of fis-
14 cal years 2020 through 2021”.

15 (f) ONE-CALL NOTIFICATION PROGRAMS.—Section
16 6107 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by strik-
17 ing “\$1,058,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through
18 2019” and inserting “\$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years
19 2020 through 2021”.

20 **SEC. 3. PIPELINE SAFETY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

21 (a) DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY FOR PIPELINE AND
22 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.—

23 (1) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator of the
24 Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Adminis-
25 tration may appoint qualified candidates to positions

1 described in paragraph (2) without regard to sec-
2 tions 3309 through 3319 of title 5, United States
3 Code.

4 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The authority under
5 paragraph (1) applies with respect to candidates for
6 any position that would likely allow increased activi-
7 ties relating to pipeline safety, as determined by the
8 Administrator.

9 (3) TERMINATION.—The authority to make ap-
10 pointments under this subsection shall not be avail-
11 able after September 30, 2021.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
13 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter through
14 calendar year 2021, the Administrator of the Pipeline and
15 Hazardous Materials Safety Administration shall submit
16 to Congress a report on the efforts of the Administration
17 to hire women, minorities, and veterans as inspectors since
18 January 1, 2012.

