AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT FOR
H.R. _____
(Pipeline Safety, Modernization, and Expansion Act of 2024)
OFFERED BY M__. __________

Insert the following section after section 3 (and make such conforming changes as may be necessary):

SEC. 4. PURPOSE AND GENERAL AUTHORITY.

(a) Worker and Public Safety.—Section 60102 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(u) Worker and Public Safety.—

“(1) In general.—The Secretary shall establish a zone, referred to in this section as a ‘Worker and Public Safety Zone’, at the location of any pipeline construction or pipeline repair operation for the purpose of providing notice of the distance the general public shall maintain from pipeline workers and the activities of such workers.

“(2) Requirements.—In establishing a Worker and Public Safety Zone described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—
“(A) establish such a Zone around any pipeline construction and pipeline repair operations that exists during pipeline construction or repairs and within which only owner-operator authorized personnel, including contractors and subcontractors, shall be permitted;

“(B) ensure that such a Zone—

“(i) exists at all times during pipeline construction or pipeline repairs;

“(ii) does not exist after pipeline construction or pipeline repairs are completed;

“(iii) does not apply to local distribution systems and intrastate transmission pipelines; and

“(iv) posts a notice that includes the safety purpose of such a Zone at the location of pipeline construction and repairs;

and

“(C) establish a reasonable standard of safe distance from pipeline construction and repairs workers and the activities of such workers for the notice under subparagraph (B)(iv).

“(3) CIVIL PENALTY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any unauthorized individual entering a Worker and Public Safety
Zone established pursuant to this subsection shall be liable to the United States for a civil penalty for each violation.

“(B) AMOUNT.—The Secretary shall determine the amount of such penalty using the considerations under section 60122(b).

“(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to amend, alter or effect—

“(A) the authorities of the Secretary under this chapter or parts 192 or 195 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations; or

“(B) a landowner’s rights.”.

(b) REGULATION REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue a final rule establishing a procedure and requirements for carrying out section 60102(u) of title 49, United States Code.