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118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to notify applicants of the completion status of right-of-way applications under section 501 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. VALADAO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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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 “Right of Way Applica-  
5 tion Transparency and Accountability Act” or the  
6 “ROWATA Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DETERMINATION REGARDING RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**

2 (a) NOTICE.—Not later than 60 days after the Sec-  
3 retary concerned receives an application to grant a right-  
4 of-way, the Secretary concerned shall notify the applicant  
5 as to whether the application is complete or deficient.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

7 (1) RIGHT-OF-WAY.—The term “right-of-way”  
8 means—

9 (A) a right-of-way issued, granted, or re-  
10 newed under section 501 of the Federal Land  
11 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.  
12 1761); or

13 (B) a right-of-way granted under section  
14 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 185).

15 (2) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-  
16 retary concerned” means—

17 (A) with respect to public lands, the Sec-  
18 retary of the Interior; and

19 (B) with respect to National Forest Sys-  
20 tem lands, the Secretary of Agriculture.