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To establish a moratorium on oil and gas leasing on public land on the
Central Coast of California.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PANETTA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To establish a moratorium on oil and gas leasing on public
land on the Central Coast of California.

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 “California Central
5 Coast Conservation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MORATORIUM ON OIL AND GAS LEASING ON PUB-**
7 **LIC LAND ON THE CENTRAL COAST OF CALI-**
8 **FORNIA.**

9 Section 17(a) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
10 226(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(r) MORATORIUM ON OIL AND GAS LEASING ON
2 PUBLIC LAND ON THE CENTRAL COAST OF CALI-
3 FORNIA.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
5 provision of this Act or any other law and except as
6 provided in paragraph (2), beginning on the date of
7 enactment of this subsection, the Record of Decision
8 for the Central Coast Field Office Resource Manage-
9 ment Plan Amendment for Oil and Gas Leasing and
10 Development published on October 7, 2019 (84 Fed.
11 Reg. 53470), shall have no force or effect until the
12 Bureau of Land Management Central Coast Field
13 Office completes and circulates for public comment
14 a supplemental environmental impact statement
15 under section 102 of the National Environmental
16 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332) and chapter 5
17 of title 5, United States Code, that considers the en-
18 vironmental effects of all oil and gas development
19 authorized to occur under the Bureau of Land Man-
20 agement’s preferred alternative ‘Alternative F’,
21 which appears in the final Environmental Impact
22 Statement published on May 10, 2019 (84 Fed. Reg.
23 20657), but was not included or analyzed in the
24 Draft Environmental Impact Statement published
25 January 6, 2017 (82 Fed. Reg. 1754), along with

1 the environmental effects of oil and gas development
2 that would be authorized as a result of such record
3 of decision, including such effects on—

4 “(A) air quality;

5 “(B) greenhouse gas emissions and the cli-
6 mate;

7 “(C) groundwater quality and availability;

8 “(D) surface water quality and availability;

9 “(E) seismicity;

10 “(F) wildlife and plant species, including
11 threatened species and endangered species; and

12 “(G) low-income communities, communities
13 of color, and indigenous communities, including
14 federally and State-recognized Indian Tribes.

15 “(2) NEW REVIEW.—If the supplemental envi-
16 ronmental impact statement under paragraph (1)
17 finds any significant detrimental effects on any mat-
18 ter described in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of
19 such paragraph, the Record of Decision referred to
20 in paragraph (1) shall have no force or effect and
21 the Director of the Bureau of Land Management
22 shall conduct a new review of Federal oil and gas
23 leasing on the Central Coast of California under sec-
24 tion 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act
25 of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332).

1 “(3) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
2 REVIEW.—

3 “(A) After the date of the publication, pur-
4 suant to paragraph (2), of a supplemental envi-
5 ronmental impact statement under section
6 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy
7 Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)), the Ad-
8 ministrator of the Environmental Protection
9 Agency shall review and publish comments re-
10 garding such statement, including—

11 “(i) identification of any significant
12 environmental impacts of oil and gas leas-
13 ing on the Central Coast of California that
14 should be avoided to adequately protect the
15 region’s natural resources; or

16 “(ii) a determination that the supple-
17 mental environmental impact statement
18 does not contain sufficient information to
19 assess such impacts.

20 “(B) If the Administrator identifies signifi-
21 cant impacts under subparagraph (A)(i) or
22 makes a determination described in subpara-
23 graph (A)(ii), the Director of the Bureau of
24 Land Management shall consult with the Ad-
25 ministrator before taking any action to proceed

1 with Federal oil and gas leasing on the Central
2 Coast of California.

3 “(4) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection af-
4 fects any rights under leases issued under this Act
5 before the date of enactment of this subsection.”.

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