#### 111TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# H. R. 580

To amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to require the Federal Government to acquire not fewer than 100,000 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 15, 2009

Mr. ISRAEL (for himself and Mr. INSLEE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

### 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.
- This Act may be cited as the "Purchasing Low-Emis-
- 5 sion Vehicles for Use in Government (PLUG) Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 7 Congress finds the following:
- 8 (1) According to the Energy Information Ad-
- 9 ministration, 70 percent of all petroleum consumed

- in the United States in 2007 was used in the transportation sector.
- 3 (2) According to the Department of Energy, 4 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles can significantly re-5 duce fuel use and costs, increase our energy security 6 and protect the environment.
  - (3) Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles achieve better gas mileage than standard hybrid vehicles through the use of a larger battery that can be recharged by plugging the battery into a standard home electrical outlet.
- 12 (4) Significant strides have been made in the 13 research and development of battery technology for 14 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

## 15 SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHI-

- 16 CLES IN FEDERAL FLEET REQUIREMENT.
- 17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303(b) of the Energy Pol-18 icy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13212(b)) is amended by add-
- 19 ing at the end the following:

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"(4) In meeting the requirements of paragraph (1)(D), the Secretary, with the cooperation of the heads of other appropriate agencies, shall ensure that the Federal Government acquires not fewer than 100,000 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles manufactured in the United States by entities incor-

1	porated or organized under the laws of the United
2	States. The Federal Government shall acquire such
3	vehicles during the 5-fiscal-year period beginning
4	after the date on which the Secretary determines
5	that such vehicles are commercially available.".
6	(b) Definition of Plug-In Hybrid Electric Ve-
7	HICLE.—Section 301 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992
8	(42 U.S.C. 13211) is amended—
9	(1) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph
10	(13);
11	(2) by striking the period at the end of para-
12	graph (14) and inserting "; and"; and
13	(3) by adding at the end the following:
14	"(15) the term 'plug-in hybrid electric vehicle'
15	means a light duty vehicle propelled by an internal
16	combustion engine or heat engine using—
17	"(A) a combustible fuel;
18	"(B) an on-board, rechargeable storage de-
19	vice; and
20	"(C) a device that collects electricity from
21	an off-board source.".