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To establish a microplastics pilot program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MAST (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Making Investments
5 in Curbing the Ruinous Output of Plastics Act of 2020”
6 or the “MICRO Plastics Act of 2020”.

7 **SEC. 2. MICROPLASTICS PILOT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the En-
9 vironmental Protection Agency (referred to in this section

1 as the “Administrator”) shall establish a pilot program
2 (referred to in this section as the “pilot program”) to test
3 the efficacy and cost effectiveness of tools, technologies,
4 and techniques—

5 (1) to remove microplastics from the environ-
6 ment; and

7 (2) to prevent the release of microplastics into
8 the environment.

9 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the pilot pro-
10 gram, the Administrator shall include the testing of—

11 (1) natural infrastructure;

12 (2) green infrastructure (as defined in section
13 502 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33
14 U.S.C. 1362)); and

15 (3) mechanical removal systems (such as
16 pumps) and filtration technologies.

17 (c) ELIGIBLE PILOT PROGRAM LOCATIONS.—In car-
18 rying out the pilot program, the Administrator may carry
19 out projects located in—

20 (1) stormwater systems;

21 (2) wastewater treatment facilities;

22 (3) drinking water systems; and

23 (4) ports, harbors, inland waterways, estuaries,
24 and marine environments.

1 (d) OUTREACH.—In determining selection criteria
2 and projects to carry out under the pilot program, the Ad-
3 ministrator shall conduct outreach to—

4 (1) the Interagency Marine Debris Coordinating
5 Committee established under section 5(a) of the Ma-
6 rine Debris Act (33 U.S.C. 1954(a)); and

7 (2) stakeholders and experts in the applicable
8 field, as determined by the Administrator.

9 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
10 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit
11 to Congress a report describing the outreach conducted
12 under subsection (d).

13 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
14 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
15 essary to carry out this section.

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