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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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 “Environmental Moni-
5 toring and Remediation Technology Assessment Initiative
6 Authorization Act of 2026” or the “EMRTAI Authoriza-
7 tion Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AND CRITICAL MA-**
2 **TERIAL RECOVERY PROGRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the En-
4 vironmental Protection Agency is authorized and directed
5 to carry out a program to investigate, evaluate, and sup-
6 port processes, methods, and systems which may be uti-
7 lized in the identification and recovery of critical materials
8 from contaminated media, solid waste, and other sources.

9 (b) ASSISTANCE.—In carrying out this program, the
10 Administrator is authorized to enter into contracts and co-
11 operative agreements with, and make grants to, persons,
12 public entities, and nonprofit private entities.

13 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—The Administrator shall not
14 expend more than \$10,000,000 for the assistance under
15 this program in any fiscal year and shall not expend more
16 than \$3,000,000 for any one project.

17 (d) GOALS.—The Administrator shall carry out the
18 program under subsection (a) in a manner that furthers
19 the following goals:

20 (1) Identification of nontraditional, domestic
21 sources of critical materials.

22 (2) Advancement of processes, methods, and
23 systems for recovering critical materials and moni-
24 toring environmental contamination and remediation
25 of contaminated media in the recovery of such crit-

1 ical materials from sources identified pursuant to
2 paragraph (1).

3 (3) Strengthening national security through the
4 development of domestic critical material supply
5 chains.

6 (4) Protection of environment and human
7 health.

8 (e) SUNSET.—The program described in this section
9 shall terminate on the date that is 10 years after the date
10 of enactment of this section.