

117TH CONGRESS
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BARRASSO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Providing Opportuni-
3 ties With Energy Resources to Uproot Poverty Act” or
4 the “POWER UP Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RESTRICTIONS ON POWER-GEN-**
6 **ERATION PROJECTS BY UNITED STATES**
7 **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE**
8 **CORPORATION IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES.**

9 Section 1451 of the Better Utilization of Investments
10 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9671)
11 is amended by adding at the end the following:

12 “(j) PROHIBITION ON RESTRICTIONS ON POWER-
13 GENERATION PROJECTS IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES.—

14 “(1) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS
15 ON POWER-GENERATION PROJECTS.—The Corpora-
16 tion shall not implement or enforce any rule, regula-
17 tion, policy, procedure, or guideline that would pro-
18 hibit or restrict the source of energy used by a
19 power-generation project the purpose of which is to
20 provide affordable electricity in an IDA-eligible
21 country or an IDA-blend country.

22 “(2) LIMITATION ON BOARD.—The Board of
23 the Corporation shall not, whether directly or
24 through authority delegated by the Board, reject a
25 power-generation project in an IDA-eligible country

1 or an IDA-blend country based on the source of en-
2 ergy used by the project.

3 “(3) ALL-OF-THE-ABOVE ENERGY DEVELOP-
4 MENT STRATEGY.—The Corporation shall promote a
5 technology- and fuel-neutral, all-of-the-above energy
6 development strategy for IDA-eligible countries and
7 an IDA-blend countries that includes the use of oil,
8 natural gas, coal, hydroelectric, wind, solar, and geo-
9 thermal power and other sources of energy.

10 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

11 “(A) IDA-ELIGIBLE COUNTRY.—The term
12 ‘IDA-eligible country’ means a country eligible
13 for support from the International Development
14 Association and not the International Bank for
15 Reconstruction and Development.

16 “(B) IDA-BLEND COUNTRY.—The term
17 ‘IDA-blend country’ means a country eligible
18 for support from both the International Devel-
19 opment Association and the International Bank
20 for Reconstruction and Development.”.