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To authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. LIPINSKI) 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Sur-
6 face Transportation in America Act” or the “INVEST in
7 America Act”.

1 (B) a summary of the public comments re-
2 ceived by the Secretary under paragraph (3);
3 and

4 (C) a determination as to whether the Sec-
5 retary intends to develop performance require-
6 ments for side underride guards, including any
7 analysis that led to such determination.

8 (c) ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON UNDERRIDE PROTEC-
9 TION.—

10 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Trans-
11 portation shall establish an Advisory Committee on
12 Underride Protection (in this subsection referred to
13 as the “Committee”) to provide advice and rec-
14 ommendations to the Secretary on safety regulations
15 to reduce crashes and fatalities involving truck
16 underrides.

17 (2) REPRESENTATION.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall be
19 composed of not more than 20 members ap-
20 pointed by the Secretary who are not employees
21 of the Department of Transportation and who
22 are qualified to serve because of their expertise,
23 training, or experience.

24 (B) MEMBERSHIP.—Members shall include
25 2 representatives of each of the following:

- 1 (i) Truck and trailer manufacturers.
- 2 (ii) Motor carriers, including inde-
- 3 pendent owner-operators.
- 4 (iii) Law enforcement.
- 5 (iv) Motor vehicle engineers.
- 6 (v) Motor vehicle crash investigators.
- 7 (vi) Truck safety organizations.
- 8 (vii) The insurance industry.
- 9 (viii) Emergency medical service pro-
- 10 viders.
- 11 (ix) Families of underride crash vic-
- 12 tims.
- 13 (x) Labor organizations.
- 14 (3) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Com-
- 15 mittee shall serve without compensation.
- 16 (4) MEETINGS.—The Committee shall meet at
- 17 least annually.
- 18 (5) SUPPORT.—On request of the Committee,
- 19 the Secretary shall provide information, administra-
- 20 tive services, and supplies necessary for the Com-
- 21 mittee to carry out the duties described in para-
- 22 graph (1).
- 23 (6) REPORT.—The Committee shall submit to
- 24 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
- 25 of the House of Representatives and the Committee

1 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
2 Senate a biennial report that shall—

3 (A) describe the advice and recommenda-
4 tions made to the Secretary; and

5 (B) include an assessment of progress
6 made by the Secretary in advancing safety reg-
7 ulations.

8 (d) DATA COLLECTION.—Not later than 1 year after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall im-
10 plement recommendations 1 and 2 described in the report
11 by the Government Accountability Office published on
12 March 14, 2019, titled “Truck Underride Guards: Im-
13 proved Data Collection, Inspections, and Research Need-
14 ed” (GAO–19–264).

15 **SEC. 4406. TRANSPORTATION OF HORSES.**

16 Section 80502 of title 49, United States Code, is
17 amended—

18 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “This section
19 does not” and inserting “Subsections (a) and (b)
20 shall not”;

21 (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
22 section (e);

23 (3) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
24 lowing:

25 “(d) TRANSPORTATION OF HORSES.—