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To require a study on the public health and environmental impacts of the production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. TLAIB 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 “Petroleum Coke Trans-
5 parency and Public Health Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) In the past several years, United States
2 crude oil refineries have grown their coking capacity
3 to accommodate the conversion of heavy crude oils
4 into refined petroleum products.

5 (2) As coking capacity has grown, the domestic
6 production of petroleum coke is expected to grow,
7 leading to increases in the storage, transportation,
8 and use of the material.

9 (3) In Detroit, piles of petroleum coke have
10 been stored in the open air on the banks of the De-
11 troit River.

12 (4) Uncovered piles of petroleum coke have also
13 been stored in Southeast Chicago near homes and
14 local baseball fields.

15 (5) State regulators, communities, and industry
16 stakeholders would benefit from a complete under-
17 standing of petroleum coke and the potential impact
18 on public health and the environment related to the
19 production, transportation, storage, and use of pe-
20 troleum coke.

21 **SEC. 3. STUDY OF PETROLEUM COKE PUBLIC HEALTH AND**
22 **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
24 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
25 Human Services, in consultation with the Administrator

1 of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of
2 Transportation, and the Secretary of Energy, shall submit
3 to Congress a report containing the results of a study con-
4 cerning petroleum coke that includes the following:

5 (1) An analysis of the public health and envi-
6 ronmental impacts of the production, transportation,
7 storage, and use of petroleum coke.

8 (2) An assessment of potential approaches and
9 best practices for storing, transporting, and man-
10 aging petroleum coke.

11 (3) A quantitative analysis of current and pro-
12 jected domestic petroleum coke production and utili-
13 zation locations.

14 (b) BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE.—The study under
15 subsection (a) shall be carried out using the best available
16 science, including readily available information from ap-
17 propriate State agencies, nonprofit entities, academic enti-
18 ties, and industry.

19 (c) PUBLICATION OF REPORT.—Not later than 180
20 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
21 of Health and Human Services shall publish on the Inter-
22 net website of the Department of Health and Human
23 Services the report described in subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDARDS.**

2 Not later than one year after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
4 tection Agency, in consultation with the Secretary of
5 Transportation, shall promulgate rules concerning the
6 storage and transportation of petroleum coke that ensure
7 the protection of public and ecological health based upon
8 the findings of the study conducted under section 3.