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To direct the Secretary of Energy to fund projects to restore and modernize the National Laboratories, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. HAALAND, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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 “Restore and Modernize
5 Our National Labs Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL LABS RESTORATION AND MODERNIZA-**
7 **TION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall
9 fund projects described in subsection (b) as needed to ad-

1 dress deferred maintenance, critical infrastructure needs,
2 and modernization of National Laboratories.

3 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—The projects described in this
4 subsection are the following:

5 (1) Priority deferred maintenance projects, in-
6 cluding facilities maintenance and refurbishment of
7 research laboratories, administrative and support
8 buildings, utilities, roads, power plants and any
9 other critical infrastructure, as determined by the
10 Secretary of Energy.

11 (2) Lab modernization projects, including core
12 infrastructure needed to support emerging science
13 missions with new and specialized requirements and
14 to maintain safe, efficient, reliable, and environ-
15 mentally responsible operations, as determined by
16 the Secretary of Energy.

17 (c) FUNDING.—There is hereby appropriated to the
18 Secretary of Energy to carry out this section
19 \$6,000,000,000, to remain available for obligation
20 through fiscal year 2025.

21 (d) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of
22 Energy shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations
23 and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of
24 the House of Representatives and to the Committee on
25 Appropriations and the Committee on Energy and Natural

1 Resources of the Senate, with the annual budget submis-
2 sion of the President for each year through fiscal year
3 2025, a list of projects for which the Secretary will provide
4 funding under this section, including a description of each
5 such project.

6 (e) NATIONAL LABORATORY.—In this section, the
7 term “National Laboratory” has the meaning given the
8 term in section 2 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
9 U.S.C. 15801).

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