

117TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 820

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 18, 2021

Mrs. BLACKBURN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## 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. FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS AND ACTIVI-**  
4 **TIES NOT IN METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL**  
5 **AREAS.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Na-  
7 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321  
8 et seq.), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C.  
9 1531 et seq.), and division A of subtitle III of title 54,

1 United States Code (formerly known as the “National  
2 Historic Preservation Act”), shall not apply to any project  
3 or activity that—

4           (1) is not located in a metropolitan statistical  
5           area (as defined by the Office of Management and  
6           Budget); and

7           (2) is carried out using Federal funds.

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