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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas leasing in the Southern California Planning Area, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LEVIN 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 “Southern California
5 Coast and Ocean Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN THE**
2 **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PLANNING AREA.**

3 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
4 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN THE
7 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PLANNING AREA.—Notwith-
8 standing any other provision of this section or any other
9 law, the Secretary may not issue a lease or any other au-
10 thorization for the exploration, development, or production
11 of oil or natural gas in the Southern California Planning
12 Area, as such planning area is described in the document
13 entitled ‘2024–2029 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil
14 and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program’, dated Sep-
15 tember 2023.’”.