AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. BEYER OF VIRGINIA

In division G, at the end of subtitle A of title III, add the following:

CHAPTER 10—USE OF SHADOW PRICE OF CARBON IN FEDERAL SPENDING DECISIONS

SECTION 33191. FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING THE USE OF THE SHADOW PRICE OF CARBON IN FEDERAL SPENDING DECISIONS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTING CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS.

(a) In General.—The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Administrator of the General Services Administration, shall conduct a study to determine whether it is feasible for Federal agencies to factor in the shadow price of carbon in their internal decision-making processes for Federal procurement, acquisitions, contracting, and other investments.
(b) CONTENT.—The feasibility study required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of—

(A) the use of the shadow price of carbon in the private sector, in States, and in other countries, as relevant; and

(B) the ability of Federal agencies to implement similar use of the shadow price of carbon.

(2) An assessment of which kinds of Federal expenditures and operations are best suited for shadow pricing.

(3) An assessment of whether the shadow price of carbon should be—

(A) tied to the social cost of carbon that Federal agencies use to conduct regulatory analyses of economically significant regulatory actions;

(B) tied to a path that minimizes the cost of achieving a long-term cumulative emissions goal; or

(C) based on some other rationale.

(4) An identification and evaluation of any statutory, regulatory, or other obstacle to the use of the shadow price of carbon.
(c) Final Report.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall—

(1) prepare a final report on the results of the feasibility study conducted under subsection (a); and

(2) submit to Congress the final report prepared under paragraph (1) and any recommendations of the Administrator relating to such results.

(d) Public Availability of Data.—The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall make available to the public the final report prepared under subsection (c).

(e) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) Shadow Price of Carbon.—The term “shadow price of carbon” means a hypothetical surcharge to market prices for goods or services that involve significant carbon dioxide emissions in their supply chain.

Cost of Carbon, United States Government, in May 2013, revised in November 2013, or any successor or substantially related document, or any other estimate of the monetized damages associated with an incremental increase in carbon dioxide emissions in a given year.