AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–2
OFFERED BY MS. TLAIB OF MICHIGAN

At the end of the bill, add the following new title:

1 TITLE IX—AGENCY REPORT ON
2 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SPECIAL RECREATION
3 PERMITS BENEFITS TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES

SEC. 901. AGENCY REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SPECIAL RECREATION PERMITS BENEFITS TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years following the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate on the following:

(1) Estimated use of Department of the Interior special recreation permits by recreation service providers serving environmental justice communities.
(2) Any national, regional, State, local, or site-specific policies that facilitate public lands access for recreational service providers serving environmental justice communities.

(3) Any case studies that may provide illustrative examples of how Department of the Interior special recreation permits, partnerships, or cooperative agreements are being effectively used by land managers for the purposes of providing public lands access to recreation service providers serving environmental justice communities.

(4) Identification of any barriers to public lands access for recreation service providers serving environmental justice communities.

(5) Any recommendations for agency policy, or if necessary, action by Congress to encourage and simplify public lands access for recreational service providers serving environmental justice communities.

(b) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION BY SPECIAL RECREATION PROVIDERS.—The Secretary—

(1) shall contact all current or prospective special recreation providers to request a voluntary estimation of how many user days are used by individuals from environmental justice communities;
(2) shall request from recreational service providers and interested members of the public any other information that supports the reporting requirements in subsection (a); and

(3) shall not use participation or information provided as a condition in approving or rejecting a Department of the Interior special recreation permit.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this title:

(1) The term “environmental justice community” means a community with significant representation of communities of color, low-income communities, or Tribal and indigenous communities, that experiences, or is at risk of experiencing, higher or more adverse human health or environmental effects than other communities.

(2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.