

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to contract with the National Academy of Public Administration to conduct an independent study to create a definition of and framework for community and individual affordability.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.

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To approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BLUNT to
the amendment (No. _____) proposed by Ms. MUR-
KOWSKI

Viz:

- 1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. ____ . STUDY ON COMMUNITY AND INDIVIDUAL AF-**
- 3 **FORDABILITY.**
- 4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
- 5 (1) ACADEMY.—The term “Academy” means
- 6 the National Academy of Public Administration, an
- 7 independent, nonpartisan, and nonprofit organiza-
- 8 tion chartered by Congress.

1 (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
2 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-
3 mental Protection Agency.

4 (b) STUDY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall con-
6 tract with the Academy to conduct an independent
7 study to create a definition of and framework for the
8 term “community and individual affordability”.

9 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the study,
10 the Academy shall—

11 (A) consult with—

12 (i) the Administrator;

13 (ii) State and local governments;

14 (iii) organizations that specialize in
15 affordability issues; and

16 (iv) popularly elected governance or-
17 ganizations such as the National Associa-
18 tion of Counties, the National League of
19 Cities, and the United States Conference
20 of Mayors;

21 (B) review existing studies of the costs as-
22 sociated with major regulations under such laws
23 as—

24 (i) the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401
25 et seq.);

1 (ii) the Federal Water Pollution Con-
2 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.);

3 (iii) the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
4 U.S.C. 300f et seq.);

5 (iv) the Comprehensive Environmental
6 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
7 of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.); and

8 (v) the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42
9 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.) (commonly known as
10 the “Resource Conservation and Recovery
11 Act of 1976”); and

12 (C) recommend a new affordability thresh-
13 old and describe how different localities can ef-
14 fectively fund municipal projects.

15 (3) TIMING.—The Administrator shall contract
16 with the Academy not later than 60 days after the
17 date of enactment of this Act.

18 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after entering
19 into an arrangement with the Administrator under sub-
20 section (b)(1), the Academy shall submit to Congress and
21 the Administrator a report that includes the findings, con-
22 clusions, and recommendations of the Academy.