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To amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize Federal grants for the development of innovative recycling techniques.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLAUGHTER (for herself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. SANGMEISTER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HOCHBRUECKNER, Ms. PELOSI, Mrs. MINK, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GORDON Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. TORRES, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. VALENTINE, and Mr. MAZZOLI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Recycling Initiatives
5 Grant Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The United States buries more than
2 200,000,000 tons of trash each year, and more than
3 one-third of the landfills in the United States have
4 been shut down in the last five years.

5 (2) Incineration of solid waste poses serious en-
6 vironmental, health, and economic questions. The
7 Environmental Protection Agency considers inciner-
8 ation one of the least desirable methods of managing
9 solid waste.

10 (3) Reducing waste during manufacturing and
11 use is a vital component of future waste manage-
12 ment schemes, but such waste reduction cannot
13 eliminate all waste.

14 (4) To manage the solid waste remaining after
15 reduction techniques are used, a high level of recy-
16 cling waste at the local level will need to be required
17 in the future.

18 (5) Markets need to be developed for the recy-
19 cled products resulting from the expected increased
20 levels of recycling.

21 (6) The Federal Government currently does not
22 provide grants to promote the development of inno-
23 vative recycling techniques that can reduce the waste
24 stream and conserve natural resources.

1 (7) A program of grants to support research
2 and development of new recycling techniques, includ-
3 ing development of markets for recycled products,
4 would help the Nation meet its recycling goals and
5 reduce the amount of waste that must be disposed
6 of.

7 **SEC. 3. GRANT PROGRAM FOR INNOVATIVE RECYCLING**
8 **TECHNIQUES.**

9 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—Subtitle G of the Solid Waste
10 Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6971) is amended by adding at
11 the end the following new section:

12 **“SEC. 7011. GRANT PROGRAM FOR INNOVATIVE RECYCLING**
13 **TECHNIQUES.**

14 “(a) GRANTS.—The Administrator is authorized to
15 award grants for the purpose of creating and supporting
16 innovative techniques for the recycling of solid waste. For
17 purposes of this section, the term ‘recycling’ includes sepa-
18 ration, collection, reuse, market development, and produc-
19 tion of goods using recycled materials.

20 “(b) APPLICATION.—Any person may apply for a
21 grant under this section. An application for a grant under
22 this section shall be submitted in such form and manner,
23 and contain such information, as the Administrator pre-
24 scribes by regulation.

1 “(c) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—The amount of any grant
2 under this section may not exceed \$100,000 for a single
3 grant recipient. No person may receive more than one
4 grant under this section.

5 “(d) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—A person who is
6 awarded a grant under this section shall submit to the
7 Administrator a report on the activities carried out with
8 the grant funds. Such report shall be submitted not later
9 than 18 months after the date on which the grant is
10 awarded. The Administrator shall submit to Congress pe-
11 riodically, but not less often than annually, a compilation
12 of the reports received from grant recipients under this
13 subsection.

14 “(e) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be
15 appropriated for each of fiscal years 1994, 1995, 1996,
16 and 1997 not more than \$3,000,000 to carry out this sec-
17 tion.”.

18 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
19 for subtitle G of such Act (contained in section 1001 of
20 such Act) is amended by adding at the end the following
21 new item:

“Sec. 7011. Grant program for innovative recycling techniques.”.

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