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To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LaHood 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 Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Route 66 National Historic Trail Designation Act”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF THE ROUTE 66 NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.

Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(31) Route 66 National Historic Trail.—

“(A) In general.—The Route 66 National Historic Trail, a trail that includes all the alignments of U.S. Highway 66 in existence between 1926 and 1985, extending along a route of approximately 2,400 miles from Chicago, Illinois, to Santa Monica, California, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Route 66 National Historic Trail, Proposed Route’, numbered P26/141,279, and dated December 2017.

“(B) Availability of map.—The map described in subparagraph (A) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

“(C) Administration.—The Route 66 National Historic Trail shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service. Such administration shall be conducted in a manner
that respects and maintains the idiosyncratic
nature of the Route 66 National Historic Trail.

“(D) LAND ACQUISITION.—The United
States may not acquire for the Route 66 Na-
tional Historic Trail any land or interest in
land—

“(i) outside the exterior boundary of
any federally managed area without the
consent of the owner of the land or interest
in land; or

“(ii) that extends more than an aver-
age of one-quarter of a mile on either side
of the trail.

“(E) NO BUFFER ZONE CREATED.—Noth-
ing in this Act, the acquisition of the land or
an interest in land authorized by this Act, or
the management plan for the Route 66 Na-
tional Historic Trail shall be construed to cre-
ate buffer zones outside of the Trail. That ac-
tivities or uses can be seen, heard, or detected
from the acquired land shall not preclude, limit,
control, regulate, or determine the conduct or
management of activities or uses outside of the
trail.
“(F) ENERGY.—Nothing in this Act, the acquisition of land or an interest in land authorized by this Act, or the management plan for the Route 66 National Historic Trail shall prohibit, hinder, or disrupt the development, production, or transmission of energy.

“(G) EMINENT DOMAIN OR CONDEMNATION.—In carrying out this Act, the Secretary of the Interior may not use eminent domain or condemnation.”.