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# ***The M.I.C.R.O. Plastics Act***

To establish a microplastics pilot program, and for other purposes.

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## **Section 1.** Short title

This Act may be cited as the Making Investments in Curbing the Ruinous Output of Plastics Act of 2020 or the MICRO Plastics Act of 2020.

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## **Section 2.** Microplastics pilot program

### **(a)** Establishment

The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (referred to in this section as the Administrator) shall establish a pilot program (referred to in this section as the pilot program) to test the efficacy and cost effectiveness of tools, technologies, and techniques—

- (1) to remove microplastics from the environment; and

(2) to prevent the release of microplastics into the environment.

(b) Requirements

In carrying out the pilot program, the Administrator shall include the testing of—

- (1) natural infrastructure;
- (2) green infrastructure (as defined in section 502 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act ([33 U.S.C. 1362](#))); and
- (3) mechanical removal systems (such as pumps) and filtration technologies.

(c) Eligible pilot program locations

In carrying out the pilot program, the Administrator may carry out projects located in—

- (1) stormwater systems;
- (2) wastewater treatment facilities;
- (3) drinking water systems; and
- (4) ports, harbors, inland waterways, estuaries, and marine environments.

(d) Outreach

In determining selection criteria and projects to carry out under the pilot program, the Administrator shall conduct outreach to—

- (1) the Interagency Marine Debris Coordinating Committee established under section 5(a) of the Marine Debris Act ([33 U.S.C. 1954\(a\)](#)); and
- (2) stakeholders and experts in the applicable field, as determined by the Administrator.

(e) Report

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report describing the outreach conducted under subsection (d).

(f) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section limited to \$10,000,000.

