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H. R. 118

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish an office in a community in the United States located not more than 10 miles from the border between the United States and Mexico.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PRO-**
4 **TECTION AGENCY OFFICE ON U.S.-MEXICO**
5 **BORDER.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator

1 of the Environmental Protection Agency shall establish an
2 office in a community in the United States located—

3 (1) not more than 10 miles from the border be-
4 tween the United States and Mexico, and

5 (2) as close as practicable to the point that is
6 halfway between San Diego, California, and Browns-
7 ville, Texas.

8 (b) REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR.—The head of the of-
9 fice established under this section shall be the Regional
10 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for
11 the region of the United States located generally along the
12 border between the United States and Mexico.

13 (c) FUNCTIONS.—The Administrator of the Environ-
14 mental Protection Agency shall delegate to the Regional
15 Administrator referred to in subsection (b) the functions
16 of the Administrator relating to—

17 (1) administering activities conducted by the
18 Environmental Protection Agency in the region of
19 the United States located generally along the border
20 between the United States and Mexico; and

21 (2) coordinating, and cooperating with the Gov-
22 ernment of Mexico in, the implementation of pro-
23 grams of the Environmental Protection Agency re-
24 lating to transboundary hazardous waste and air,
25 soil, and water quality problems, including—

1 (A) programs to counter impacts of trade
2 agreements between the United States and
3 Mexico, and

4 (B) programs conducted pursuant to the
5 1983 Border Environmental Agreement be-
6 tween the United States and Mexico.

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