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**Statement of Alcee L. Hastings on the Introduction of Amendment #5 to H.R. 2021**  
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Mr. Chairman, I rise today to offer an amendment to yet another deceptively named Republican bill that does more good for the oil and gas industry than it does for the American people.

This so-called "Jobs and Energy Permitting Act" would be more accurately called the "Permitting Oil Executives to Do Their Jobs However They Want Act," because it's nothing more than a free pass for oil company executives to undermine our health and destroy our environment.

Fines and regulations imposed upon an abstract, faceless oil company are clearly not sufficiently communicating the message to the millionaire CEOs that Americans demand and deserve clean air. My amendment will force these same oil company executives that choose to use dirty, outdated technology to personally put their lungs where their money is.

This Republican bill allows fat-cat oil company directors to commit a number of egregious sins against our clean, breathable air. Among the most blatant is a provision that exempts support ships from Clean Air Act standards.

Since these support vessels account for up to 95 percent of the noxious emissions attributed to a drill ship in some cases, this provision says that Republicans either don't care about toxic emissions or think the emissions aren't harmful. We know, Mr. Chairman, that either option is total bunk.

My amendment is simple. All I am asking is for the responsible parties to demonstrate courage and assurance in their convictions. Get up there and show us you really, truly believe the exhaust from these large support vessels will not damage our environment or be detrimental to the health of people living in local communities.

If these vessels do not emit harmful pollutants, or if the emissions aren't damaging enough to make a difference in global climate change as the Republicans suggest, then an executive would have no reason to fear standing next to the primary exhaust of one of these support ships for an extended period of time.

I suspect, Mr. Chairman that this exposure will make these CEOs see the error of their ways. I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2021, AS REPORTED**  
**OFFERED BY MR. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA**

In section 3, insert “(a) IN GENERAL—” before  
“Section 328(a)(4)(C)” and add at the end the following:

1       (b) CONDITION ON RECEIPT OF PERMIT.—Section  
2 328(a) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7627(a)) is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4           “(5) CONDITION ON RECEIPT OF PERMIT.—An  
5 applicant for a permit under this Act for an OCS  
6 source shall include an agreement in the permit ap-  
7 plication that the head of the entity applying for the  
8 permit will stand, at a time when such source is op-  
9 erating and as a condition on receipt of such permit,  
10 not more than ten feet away from the primary ex-  
11 haust of such source for a period of not less than  
12 25 minutes.”.

