

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4937**  
**OFFERED BY MR. BARLETTA OF PENNSYLVANIA**

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1   **SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. STATE PIPELINE SAFETY AGREEMENTS.**

2           (a) STUDY.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
3 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the  
4 United States shall complete a study on State pipeline  
5 safety agreements made pursuant to section 60106 of title  
6 49, United States Code. Such study shall consider the fol-  
7 lowing:

8           (1) Incident response time for Federal inspec-  
9 tors operating pursuant to such section.

10          (2) Incident response time of State inspectors  
11 operating pursuant to such section.

12          (3) Knowledge of facilities and operational his-  
13 tory by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety  
14 Administration and State authorities.

15          (4) The impact that the proximity of an inspec-  
16 tor's duty station to a pipeline facility has on the  
17 amount of time that an inspector can dedicate to an  
18 inspection.

1           (5) Monitoring and oversight by the Pipeline  
2           and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration of  
3           pipeline construction projects.

4           (6) The integration of Federal and State or  
5           local authorities in carrying out activities pursuant  
6           to an agreement under such section.

7           (7) The overall cost of Federal and State au-  
8           thorities carrying out inspection activities pursuant  
9           to agreements under such section.

10          (8) The overall cost of the Pipeline and Haz-  
11          ardous Materials Safety Administration carrying out  
12          interstate inspections without the existence of inter-  
13          state agreements with the States pursuant to such  
14          section.

15          (b) NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENDING AGREE-  
16          MENT.—Section 60106(b) of title 49, United States Code,  
17          is amended by adding at the end the following:

18               “(4) NOTICE UPON DENIAL.—If a State author-  
19               ity requests an interstate agreement under this sec-  
20               tion and the Secretary denies such request, the Sec-  
21               retary shall provide written notification to the State  
22               authority of the denial that includes an explanation  
23               of the reasons for such denial.”.

