

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4290
OFFERED BY MR. NEGUSE OF COLORADO**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Downwinder Com-
3 memoration Act”.

4 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **MANHATTAN PROJECT.**—The term “Man-
7 hattan Project” means the Federal military program
8 to develop an atomic bomb ending on December 31,
9 1946.

10 (2) **TRINITY SITE.**—The term “Trinity Site”
11 means the location in the Jornada del Muerto desert
12 near Alamogordo, New Mexico, on the former
13 Alamogordo Bombing and Gunnery Range, known
14 today as Holloman Air Force Base and the White
15 Sands Missile Range, where the world’s first nuclear
16 weapon was exploded on July 16, 1945.

1 **SEC. 3. HISTORICAL MARKER COMMEMORATING EFFECTS**
2 **OF RADIATION EXPOSURE AT WHITE SANDS**
3 **NATIONAL PARK, NEW MEXICO.**

4 (a) HISTORICAL MARKERS REQUIRED.—Not later
5 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
6 the Secretary of the Interior (acting through the Director
7 of the National Park Service) shall place a historical
8 marker as described in subsection (b) in a publicly acces-
9 sible location at White Sands National Park in New Mex-
10 ico.

11 (b) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—The historical mark-
12 er described in subsection (a) shall—

13 (1) commemorate the effects of radiation expo-
14 sure on communities in New Mexico as a result of
15 the Manhattan Project and the nuclear test con-
16 ducted at the Trinity Site;

17 (2) honor the resilience of the New Mexico com-
18 munities during and after World War II, recognizing
19 the service and sacrifice of all who contributed to the
20 war effort; and

21 (3) include, at a minimum, the following:

22 (A) An unclassified description of the his-
23 tory of the Manhattan Project and its purpose,
24 including a description of the nuclear test con-
25 ducted at the Trinity Site and an acknowledge-

1 ment that it was the location of the world’s first
2 nuclear weapons test.

3 (B) A description of how the classified na-
4 ture of the Manhattan Project and the nuclear
5 test conducted at the Trinity Site led to the un-
6 knowing exposure of individuals in communities
7 located downwind from such testing to radio-
8 logical byproducts and associated consequences
9 of such byproducts.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to obtain and place a plaque honoring the Downwinder communities of New Mexico, who suffered detrimental health effects as a result of exposure to radioactive fallout.”.

