116TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

S. 2730

AN ACT

To establish and ensure an inclusive and transparent Drone Advisory Committee.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- This Act may be cited as the "Drone Advisory Com-
- 3 mittee for the 21st Century Act".

4 SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

- 5 It is the Sense of Congress that:
- 6 (1) Due to the ever-increasing use of Un-7 manned Aircraft Systems in the agriculture, for-8 estry, and rangeland sectors, as well as the inher-9 ently different uses in less populated parts of the na-10 tion, membership of the Drone Advisory Committee 11 established by the Federal Aviation Administration 12 should, to the extent practicable, include direct rep-13 resentatives from county and tribal government, ag-14 riculture, forestry, and rangeland interests.
 - (2) Full transparency in the work of the Drone Advisory Committee is vital to ensuring the public can effectively participate and contribute to the development of sound Federal policies. The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration should, to the maximum extent practicable, ensure the work of the Drone Advisory Committee is shared with and easily accessible to the public and shall ensure transparency and openness in the manner in which the affairs of the Committee are conducted.

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SEC. 3. DRONE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.

- 2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Aviation Ad3 ministration shall take appropriate steps to encour4 age direct representation of county and tribal gov5 ernments as well as agriculture, forestry, rangeland
 6 sectors, and other rural interests on the Drone Advi7 sory Committee.
 - (2) Public Participation.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include public participation in the process of nominating individuals for membership on the Committee.

Passed the Senate December 10, 2020.

Attest:

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Secretary.

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