

AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. LATTA OF OHIO

Add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION WORKING GROUP.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-
4 portation shall convene a working group to foster the de-
5 velopment of new technologies and to consider rec-
6 ommendations to enable the Pipeline and Hazardous Ma-
7 terials Safety Administration to update pipeline safety
8 regulatory requirements based on technology advances.

9 (b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The working group convened
10 pursuant to subsection (a) shall include representatives
11 from—

12 (1) Federal, Tribal, State, and local officials re-
13 sponsible for pipeline safety oversight;

14 (2) industry stakeholders, including operators
15 of pipeline facilities, inspection technology, coating,
16 and cathodic protection vendors, and pipeline inspec-
17 tion organizations; and

18 (3) public, safety, environmental, and labor ad-
19 vocates and representatives.

1 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—The working group convened
2 pursuant to subsection (a) shall consider and provide rec-
3 ommendations to the Secretary on—

4 (1) current technologies and analytical capabili-
5 ties that would enhance pipeline safety;

6 (2) new technologies or analytical capabilities
7 that could be developed that would enhance pipeline
8 safety;

9 (3) pipeline safety regulatory provisions or gaps
10 in regulations that would benefit from current or
11 new technologies and analytical capabilities;

12 (4) types of data or technology demonstration
13 that would enable the Pipeline and Hazardous Mate-
14 rials Safety Administration to modernize or fill gaps
15 in its pipeline safety regulations; and

16 (5) improvements to Pipeline and Hazardous
17 Materials Safety Administration regulatory processes
18 and capabilities to review technology or analytical
19 capabilities and incorporate improvements into pipe-
20 line safety regulatory requirements.

21 (d) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 2 years after the
22 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall publish
23 the consensus recommendations of the working group.

