

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MS. CARAVEO OF COLORADO**

Add at the end of title III the following:

1 **SEC. 3 ____.** **NATIONAL SPACEPORT STRATEGY; SPACE**
2 **LAUNCH AND REENTRY INFRASTRUCTURE.**

3 (a) NATIONAL SPACEPORT STRATEGY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 515 of title 51,
5 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
6 end the following new section:

7 **“§ 51502. National spaceport strategy**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
9 tation, in collaboration with the Secretary of Defense, the
10 Chief of Space Operations of the United States Space
11 Force, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and
12 Space Administration, the Secretary of Commerce, and
13 the Secretary of State, shall develop a comprehensive na-
14 tional spaceport strategy (in this section referred to as the
15 ‘strategy’) to enhance, coordinate, and ensure the resil-
16 iency of the space transportation infrastructure of the
17 United States.

1 “(b) WORKING GROUP.—The Secretary of Transpor-
2 tation and the heads of agencies specified in subsection
3 (a) may establish a working group to develop the strategy.

4 “(c) STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT.—In developing
5 the strategy, the Secretary of Transportation shall engage
6 with relevant stakeholders, including in State government,
7 industry, and academia, as appropriate.

8 “(d) ELEMENTS OF A STRATEGY.—The strategy
9 shall include the following:

10 “(1) An evaluation of the demand for space
11 transportation services, including the civil, national
12 security, and commercial space transportation needs
13 of the United States and international commercial
14 markets.

15 “(2) An identification of legislative, regulatory,
16 or other policy changes needed to enable a resilient,
17 interoperable network of spaceports in support of
18 national objectives.

19 “(3) An identification of the range of long-term
20 funding options and related considerations for space
21 transportation infrastructure development, and pri-
22 orities for investment, where appropriate.

23 “(4) An assessment of international space
24 transportation capabilities and investments, includ-

1 ing opportunities for international partnerships and
2 maintaining United States competitiveness.

3 “(5) Other relevant elements, as the Secretary
4 of Transportation determines appropriate.

5 “(e) TRANSMITTAL.—Not later than six months after
6 the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary
7 of Transportation shall submit to the Committee on
8 Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,
10 and Transportation of the Senate a copy of the strategy.

11 “(f) UPDATES.—Not later than three years after the
12 date of the enactment of this section and every three years
13 thereafter, the Secretary of Transportation shall—

14 “(1) update the strategy; and

15 “(2) submit to the Committee on Science,
16 Space, and Technology of the House of Representa-
17 tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
18 Transportation of the Senate a copy of such updated
19 strategy.”.

20 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.— The table of con-
21 tents for title 51, United States Code, is amended
22 by adding at the end of the items for chapter 515
23 of subtitle V the following new item:

“51502. National spaceport strategy.”.

24 (b) SPACE LAUNCH AND REENTRY INFRASTRUC-
25 TURE.—

1 (1) GRANT AUTHORITY.—Subsection (b) of sec-
2 tion 51102 of title 51, United States Code, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
6 tation may make a grant under this section only if
7 the grant will not be for more than 90 percent of
8 the total cost of the project that is the subject of
9 such grant.

10 “(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Transpor-
11 tation may waive the application of paragraph (1) if
12 the Secretary determines that such is in the national
13 interest.”.

14 (2) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—Section 51103 of
15 title 51, United States Code, is amended—

16 (A) in subsection (b)—

17 (i) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking
18 “the United States Government’s space
19 transportation needs” and inserting “the
20 civil, commercial, or national security space
21 transportation needs of the United States
22 in accordance with the national spaceport
23 strategy developed pursuant to section
24 51502”; and

1 (ii) by amending paragraph (2) to
2 read as follows:

3 “(2) The Secretary of Transportation, in consultation
4 with the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator of
5 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, shall
6 develop specific criteria for evaluating and selecting pro-
7 posed projects based on the considerations under para-
8 graph (1), including criteria for waivers pursuant to sec-
9 tion 51102(b)(2).”; and

10 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing new paragraph:

12 “(3) The Secretary of Transportation shall consult
13 with the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of the
14 National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the
15 heads of other appropriate Federal agencies with respect
16 to subparagraphs (A) and (F) of paragraph (1), as appro-
17 priate.”; and

18 (B) by adding at the end the following new
19 subsection:

20 “(e) RESTRICTION ON CERTAIN FUNDING OF PRO-
21 GRAM.—Activities carried out under this section may not
22 be funded through user fees.”.

23 (3) PLAN.—Not later than one year after the
24 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
25 Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of

1 Defense, the Administrator of the National Aero-
2 nautics and Space Administration, and the heads of
3 other appropriate Federal agencies, shall submit to
4 Congress a plan for the management and implemen-
5 tation of the space transportation infrastructure
6 matching grants program under section 51103 of
7 title 51, United States Code. Such plan shall con-
8 sider the objectives of the national spaceport strat-
9 egy developed pursuant to section 51502.

10 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
11 Section 51105 of title 51, United States Code, is
12 amended by striking “Not more than” and all that
13 follows through the period at the end and inserting
14 “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
15 retary of Transportation for fiscal years 2024, 2025,
16 and 2026 not more than \$10,000,000 to make
17 grants under this chapter.”.

18 (5) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

19 (A) CHAPTER HEADING.—The heading of
20 chapter 511 of title 51, United States Code, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 **“CHAPTER 511—SPACE TRANSPORTATION**
23 **MODERNIZATION GRANTS”.**

24 (B) TABLE OF CHAPTERS.—The table of
25 chapters at the beginning of title 51, United

1 States Code, is amended by striking the item
2 relating to chapter 511 and inserting the fol-
3 lowing:

“511. Space Transportation Modernization Grants 51101
“ ”.

