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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MOSKOWITZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To promote peaceful space exploration, expand participation in the Artemis Accords, establish norms for safe and sustainable space activities, and advance national security and economic competitiveness through leadership in space.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Artemis Accords Au-
5 thorization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) The United States has long been a global
4 leader in space exploration, scientific discovery, and
5 the development of technologies that benefit both na-
6 tional security and economic growth.

7 (2) The Artemis program, led by the National
8 Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), rep-
9 resents the next phase of human space exploration,
10 including returning humans to the Moon and estab-
11 lishing a sustainable presence for future missions to
12 Mars.

13 (3) The Artemis Accords were first introduced
14 in 2020 by NASA, in coordination with the Depart-
15 ment of State and seven other initial signatory coun-
16 tries, including Australia, Canada, Italy, Japan,
17 Luxembourg, the United Arab Emirates, and the
18 United Kingdom.

19 (4) Over the last five years, the Artemis Ac-
20 cords have expanded to 61 signatories.

21 (5) The Artemis Accords reinforce the commit-
22 ment by signatory nations to foundational space law
23 instruments—including the Outer Space Treaty, the
24 Registration Convention, and the Rescue and Return
25 Agreement—while also promoting best practices and

1 norms for responsible civil space exploration and
2 use.

3 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

4 It is the policy of the United States—

5 (1) to promote the peaceful exploration and use
6 of outer space, including the Moon and other celes-
7 tial bodies, consistent with international law;

8 (2) to strengthen international cooperation
9 through the Artemis Accords as a framework for
10 transparency, compatibility, and responsible behavior
11 in space;

12 (3) to maintain United States leadership in civil
13 space exploration, scientific discovery, and commer-
14 cial space development;

15 (4) to support the development of norms and
16 standards that ensure the safety, sustainability, and
17 long-term viability of space activities;

18 (5) to expand participation in the Artemis Ac-
19 cords among allies and partners, particularly in stra-
20 tegically significant regions;

21 (6) to counter efforts by strategic competitors
22 to shape space governance in ways that are incon-
23 sistent with democratic values, transparency, and
24 the rule of law; and

1 (4) coordinating with relevant United States
2 agencies, including—

3 (A) the National Aeronautics and Space
4 Administration (NASA);

5 (B) the Department of Commerce;

6 (C) the Department of Defense; and

7 (D) the Office of Space Commerce;

8 (5) engaging with United States industry stake-
9 holders to advance public-private partnerships in
10 support of the Artemis program; and

11 (6) advising the Department on strategies to
12 ensure that United States leadership in space is
13 aligned with broader foreign policy and national se-
14 curity objectives.

15 **SEC. 5. REPORT.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
17 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
18 four years, the Secretary of State, in coordination with
19 the Administrator of NASA, shall submit to the Com-
20 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
21 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate,
22 a report that includes—

23 (1) a list of countries participating in the
24 Artemis Accords and any new signatories during the
25 reporting period;

1 (2) a description of diplomatic efforts under-
2 taken by the United States to expand participation
3 in the Artemis Accords;

4 (3) an assessment of compliance by partici-
5 pating countries with the principles of the Artemis
6 Accords;

7 (4) a description of ongoing and planned coop-
8 erative activities related to lunar exploration and
9 other space missions;

10 (5) an evaluation of the role of United States
11 commercial entities in Artemis-related partnerships;

12 (6) an assessment of challenges to international
13 cooperation in space, including geopolitical competi-
14 tion, regulatory barriers, and technological compat-
15 ibility;

16 (7) a description of efforts by the People's Re-
17 public of China and the Russian Federation to influ-
18 ence global space governance and how such efforts
19 impact United States interests; and

20 (8) recommendations to strengthen United
21 States leadership in international space cooperation.

22 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
23 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
24 a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 6. STRATEGY.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
3 gress that—

4 (1) low-earth orbit satellite technology is crucial
5 for maintaining United States leadership in the 21st
6 century in both military and civil technology do-
7 mains;

8 (2) low-earth orbit satellite technology has po-
9 tential to serve as an anti-censorship and pro free
10 speech technology around the world;

11 (3) low-earth orbit satellite technology has in-
12 credible humanitarian potential to connect hundreds
13 of millions people to the internet and the modern
14 global economy; and

15 (4) instruments of the United States Govern-
16 ment should be used to promote the export, use, and
17 potential of American low-earth orbit satellite tech-
18 nology.

19 (b) STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
21 in coordination with the Chief Executive Officer of the
22 United States International Development Finance Cor-
23 poration, the Director of the United States Trade and De-
24 velopment Agency, and the heads of other Federal depart-
25 ments and agencies, as appropriate, shall submit to the
26 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-

1 tives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
2 ate a strategy on the integration of low-earth orbit satellite
3 technologies and high-altitude platform systems into
4 United States foreign policy.

5 (c) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection
6 (b) shall include efforts and plans to—

7 (1) use feasibility studies to promote low-earth
8 orbit satellite technology as a form of connectivity;

9 (2) offer loans, guarantees, insurance or other
10 financial products to help countries procure low-
11 earth orbit satellite technologies;

12 (3) directly provide low-earth orbit satellite
13 technologies to countries when consistent with the
14 United States' national interest;

15 (4) regulate, as appropriate, the export of con-
16 trolled low-earth orbit satellite technologies to ensure
17 continued American technological leadership and the
18 misuse of the technology inconsistent with our poli-
19 cies and values; and

20 (5) impose possible restrictions on strategic
21 competitor's alternatives to American low-earth orbit
22 satellite technologies.

23 (d) FORM.—The strategy required by subsection (b)
24 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
25 a classified annex.