

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6131
OFFERED BY MS. CARAVEO OF COLORADO

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 15. NATIONAL SPACEPORT STRATEGY; SPACE LAUNCH**
2 **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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 “(4) An assessment of international space
21 transportation capabilities and investments, includ-
22 ing opportunities for international partnerships and
23 maintaining United States competitiveness.

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

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

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

10 “(1) update the strategy; and

11 “(2) submit to the Committee on Science,
12 Space, and Technology of the House of Representa-
13 tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
14 Transportation of the Senate a copy of such updated
15 strategy.”.

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

“51502. National spaceport strategy.”.

20 (b) SPACE LAUNCH AND REENTRY INFRASTRUC-
21 TURE.—

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

25 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

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

6 “(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Transpor-
7 tation may waive the application of paragraph (1) if
8 the Secretary determines that such is in the national
9 interest.”.

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

12 (A) in subsection (b)—

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

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

23 “(2) The Secretary of Transportation, in consultation
24 with the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator of
25 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, shall

1 develop specific criteria for evaluating and selecting pro-
2 posed projects based on the considerations under para-
3 graph (1), including criteria for waivers pursuant to sec-
4 tion 51102(b)(2).”; and

5 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new paragraph:

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

13 (B) by adding at the end the following new
14 subsection:

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

18 (3) PLAN.—Not later than one year after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
20 Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of
21 Defense, the Administrator of the National Aero-
22 nautics and Space Administration, and the heads of
23 other appropriate Federal agencies, shall submit to
24 Congress a plan for the management and implemen-
25 tation of the space transportation infrastructure

1 matching grants program under section 51103 of
2 title 51, United States Code. Such plan shall con-
3 sider the objectives of the national spaceport strat-
4 egy developed pursuant to section 51502.

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

13 (5) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

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

17 **“CHAPTER 511—SPACE TRANSPORTATION**
18 **MODERNIZATION GRANTS”.**

19 (B) TABLE OF CHAPTERS.—The table of
20 chapters at the beginning of title 51, United
21 States Code, is amended by striking the item
22 relating to chapter 511 and inserting the fol-
23 lowing:

“511. Space Transportation Modernization Grants 51101
“ ”.

