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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To modify the Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 2d Sess.

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To authorize programs for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal year 2025, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. LUJÁN

Viz:

1 At the end of title IV, add the following:

2 **SEC. 409. ESTABLISHED PROGRAM TO STIMULATE COM-**
3 **PETITIVE RESEARCH.**

4 Section 40903 of title 51, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(e) TYPES OF GRANTS.—In carrying out the pro-
7 gram, the Administrator shall issue the following grant
8 categories to eligible States:

9 “(1) RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOP-
10 MENT.—Grants to strengthen research capacity,
11 workforce development, and institutional competi-

1 tiveness within EPSCoR jurisdictions, including sup-
2 port for attendance at NASA EPSCoR focused
3 Technical Interchange Meetings for eligible States.

4 “(2) JURISDICTION-SPECIFIC NASA COLLABO-
5 RATIVE RESEARCH.—Multi-year major collaborative
6 research grants supporting competitively selected,
7 merit-reviewed projects aligned with NASA mission
8 directorates priorities and areas of agency interest.

9 “(3) SPECIAL AWARDS.—Grants supporting
10 multi-jurisdictional research projects, rapid response
11 projects, flight missions, partnerships with other
12 agency EPSCoR programs, and other special
13 awards.

14 “(f) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
15 gress that—

16 “(1) NASA EPSCoR is a research-focused pro-
17 gram intended to build long-term research competi-
18 tiveness and contribute substantively to NASA’s
19 mission priorities;

20 “(2) the Administrator should maintain a bal-
21 anced distribution of funding among the grant cat-
22 egories described in subsection (e) that is consistent
23 with the historical practice of the program and pre-
24 serves robust support for both research infrastruc-
25 ture and mission-relevant collaborative research;

1 “(3) funding for such grant categories should
2 be administered in a manner that ensures con-
3 tinuity, stability, and sustained research capacity in
4 eligible jurisdictions;

5 “(4) the NASA EPSCoR STIMULI report
6 serves as an important public accounting of research
7 outcomes, mission contributions, and return on in-
8 vestment from the program, and should continue to
9 document and showcase the scientific, technological,
10 and workforce impacts generated through these
11 awards; and

12 “(5) activities funded under this section should
13 be coordinated with other NASA and Federal re-
14 search programs to avoid unnecessary duplication
15 while preserving the distinct research capacity-build-
16 ing purpose of NASA EPSCoR.”.