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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To authorize the Foundation to facilitate access to the microgravity environment for awardees of funding from the Foundation.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**S. 1260**

A bill to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by  
**Mr. Luján** \_\_\_\_\_

Viz:

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

2 **SEC. 218. MICROGRAVITY UTILIZATION POLICY.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
4 gress that space technology and the utilization of the  
5 microgravity environment for science, engineering, and  
6 technology development is critical to long-term competi-  
7 tiveness with near-peer competitors, including China.

1           (b) POLICY.—To the greatest extent appropriate, the  
2 Foundation shall facilitate access to the microgravity envi-  
3 ronment for awardees of funding from the Foundation, in-  
4 cluding in private sector platforms, for the development  
5 of science, engineering, and technology.

6           (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
7 of enactment of this Act, the Director shall provide to the  
8 appropriate committees of Congress a report on the Foun-  
9 dation's plan for facilitating awardee access to the micro-  
10 gravity environment.