

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2225
OFFERED BY MS. STEVENS OF MICHIGAN

At the end add the following new section:

1 SEC. 11. PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS.

2 Section 602 of the American Innovation and Com-
3 petitiveness Act (42 U.S.C. 1862s-9) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
5 section (f); and

6 (2) by inserting after subsection (d), the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(e) **PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS.**—

9 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Under the program estab-
10 lished in section 508 of the America COMPETES
11 Reauthorization Act of 2010 (42 U.S.C. 1862p-2)
12 and the activities authorized under this section, the
13 Director shall award grants to eligible entities for
14 planning and capacity building at institutions of
15 higher education.

16 “(2) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.**—In this sub-
17 section, the term ‘eligible entity’ means an institu-
18 tion of higher education (or a consortium of such in-
19 stitutions) that, according to the data published by
20 the National Center for Science and Engineering

1 Statistics, is not, on average, among the top 100 in-
2 stitutions in Federal R&D expenditures during the 3
3 year period prior to the year of the award.

4 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—In addition to activities
5 listed under subsection (c), an eligible entity receiv-
6 ing a grant under this subsection may use funds
7 to—

8 “(A) ensure the availability of staff, includ-
9 ing technology transfer professionals, entre-
10 preneurs in residence, and other mentors as re-
11 quired to accomplish the purpose of this sub-
12 section;

13 “(B) revise institution policies, including
14 policies related to intellectual property and fac-
15 ulty entrepreneurship, and taking other nec-
16 essary steps to implement relevant best prac-
17 tices for academic technology transfer;

18 “(C) develop new local and regional part-
19 nerships among institutions of higher education
20 and between institutions of higher education
21 and private sector entities and other relevant
22 organizations with the purpose of building net-
23 works, expertise, and other capacity to identify
24 promising research that may have potential
25 market value and enable researchers to pursue

1 further development and transfer of their ideas
2 into possible commercial or other use;

3 “(D) develop seminars, courses, and other
4 educational opportunities for students, post-doc-
5 toral researchers, faculty, and other relevant
6 staff at institutions of higher education to in-
7 crease awareness and understanding of entre-
8 preneurship, patenting, business planning, and
9 other areas relevant to technology transfer, and
10 connect students and researchers to relevant re-
11 sources, including mentors in the private sector;
12 and

13 “(E) create and fund competitions to allow
14 entrepreneurial students and faculty to illus-
15 trate the commercialization potential of their
16 ideas.

17 “(4) MINIMUM DURATION AND SIZE OF
18 AWARD.—Grants awarded under this subsection
19 shall be at least 3 years in duration and \$500,000
20 in total amount.

21 “(5) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity seeking
22 funding under this subsection shall submit an appli-
23 cation to the Director of the Foundation at such
24 time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
25 tion and assurances as such Director may require.

1 The application shall include, at a minimum, a de-
2 scription of how the eligible entity submitting an ap-
3 plication plans to sustain the proposed activities be-
4 yond the duration of the grant.

5 “(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
6 From within funds authorized under section 9, there
7 are authorized to carry out the activities under this
8 subsection \$40 million for each of fiscal years 2022
9 through 2026.”.

