

AMENDMENT TO THE SPACE ACT
OFFERED BY MR. POSEY OF FLORIDA

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 11. STREAMLINE COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH AC-**
2 **TIVITIES.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that eliminating duplicative requirements and ap-
5 provals for commercial launch and reentry operations will
6 promote and encourage the development of the commercial
7 space sector.

8 (b) REAFFIRMATION OF POLICY.—Congress reaf-
9 firms that the Secretary of Transportation, in overseeing
10 and coordinating commercial launch and reentry oper-
11 ations, should—

12 (1) promote commercial space launches and re-
13 entries by the private sector;

14 (2) facilitate Government, State, and private
15 sector involvement in enhancing U.S. launch sites
16 and facilities;

17 (3) protect public health and safety, safety of
18 property, national security interests, and foreign pol-
19 icy interests of the United States; and

1 (4) consult with the head of another executive
2 agency, including the Secretary of Defense or the
3 Administrator of the National Aeronautics and
4 Space Administration, as necessary to provide con-
5 sistent application of licensing requirements under
6 chapter 509 of title 51, United States Code.

7 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
9 tation under section 50918 of title 51, United States
10 Code, and subject to section 50905(b)(2)(C) of that
11 title, shall consult with the Secretary of Defense, the
12 Administrator of the National Aeronautics and
13 Space Administration, and the heads of other execu-
14 tive agencies, as appropriate—

15 (A) to identify all requirements that are
16 imposed to protect the public health and safety,
17 safety of property, national security interests,
18 and foreign policy interests of the United States
19 relevant to any commercial launch of a launch
20 vehicle or commercial reentry of a reentry vehi-
21 cle; and

22 (B) to evaluate the requirements identified
23 in subparagraph (A) and, in coordination with
24 the licensee or transferee and the heads of the
25 relevant executive agencies—

1 (i) determine whether the satisfaction
2 of a requirement of one agency could result
3 in the satisfaction of a requirement of an-
4 other agency; and

5 (ii) resolve any inconsistencies and re-
6 move any outmoded or duplicative require-
7 ments or approvals of the Federal Govern-
8 ment relevant to any commercial launch of
9 a launch vehicle or commercial reentry of
10 a reentry vehicle.

11 (2) REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days after
12 the date of enactment of this Act, and annually
13 thereafter until the Secretary of Transportation de-
14 termines no outmoded or duplicative requirements or
15 approvals of the Federal Government exist, the Sec-
16 retary of Transportation, in consultation with the
17 Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of the Na-
18 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration, the
19 commercial space sector, and the heads of other ex-
20 ecutive agencies, as appropriate, shall submit to the
21 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
22 tation of the Senate, the Committee on Science,
23 Space, and Technology of the House of Representa-
24 tives, and the congressional defense committees a re-
25 port that includes the following:

1 (A) A description of the process for the ap-
2 plication for and approval of a permit or license
3 under chapter 509 of title 51, United States
4 Code, for the commercial launch of a launch ve-
5 hicle or commercial reentry of a reentry vehicle,
6 including the identification of—

7 (i) any unique requirements for oper-
8 ating on a United States Government
9 launch site, reentry site, or launch prop-
10 erty; and

11 (ii) any inconsistent, outmoded, or du-
12 plicative requirements or approvals.

13 (B) A description of current efforts, if any,
14 to coordinate and work across executive agen-
15 cies to define interagency processes and proce-
16 dures for sharing information, avoiding duplica-
17 tion of effort, and resolving common agency re-
18 quirements.

19 (C) Recommendations for legislation that
20 may further—

21 (i) streamline requirements in order
22 to improve efficiency, reduce unnecessary
23 costs, resolve inconsistencies, remove dupli-
24 cation, and minimize unwarranted con-
25 straints; and

1 (ii) consolidate or modify require-
2 ments across affected agencies into a sin-
3 gle application set that satisfies the re-
4 quirements identified in paragraph (1)(A).

5 (3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-
6 section—

7 (A) any applicable definitions set forth in
8 section 50902 of title 51, United States Code,
9 shall apply;

10 (B) the terms “launch”, “reenter”, and
11 “reentry” include landing of a launch vehicle or
12 reentry vehicle; and

13 (C) the terms “United States Government
14 launch site” and “United States Government
15 reentry site” include any necessary facility, at
16 that location, that is commercially operated on
17 United States Government property.

