

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7273
OFFERED BY MR. HARIDOPOLOS OF FLORIDA

At the end of title VIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 8___ . UNITED STATES PRIVATE SECTOR USE OF AND**
2 **HUMAN PRESENCE IN SPACE.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) Private space activities are increasing in ca-
5 dence, diversity, capability, and value, and con-
6 tribute to the United States’ economic, scientific,
7 and strategic leadership in space.

8 (2) According to section 217(a) of the National
9 Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization
10 Act, Fiscal Year 1989 (Public Law 100–685; 102
11 Stat. 4083), “the extension of human life beyond
12 Earth’s atmosphere, leading ultimately to the estab-
13 lishment of space settlements, will fulfill the pur-
14 poses of advancing science, exploration, and develop-
15 ment and will enhance the general welfare”.

16 (3) Other countries are investing in and ex-
17 panding both national and private sector space ac-
18 tivities.

1 (4) Continued advancement of U.S. commercial
2 space activities have reduced, and will continue to
3 reduce, the costs of space access and utilization.

4 (5) NASA partnerships with United States
5 commercial space providers, including in the U.S.-led
6 robotic and human exploration of the Moon under
7 the Artemis program, in accordance with the Moon
8 to Mars Program under section 10811 of the Na-
9 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration Au-
10 thORIZATION Act of 2022 (51 U.S.C. 20302 note),
11 provide the Federal Government opportunities to—

12 (A) better understand the capabilities and
13 strategic priorities of United States commercial
14 space providers, especially with respect to eco-
15 nomic activities in cislunar space and on the
16 surface of the Moon;

17 (B) devise programs to partner with and
18 incentivize United States commercial space pro-
19 viders in cislunar space exploration, develop-
20 ment, and permanent human presence on the
21 Moon; and

22 (C) improve policies, laws, and regulatory
23 regimes within which United States commercial
24 space providers conduct economic activities in
25 cislunar space and on the surface of the Moon.

1 (6) As the Federal Government’s lead civil
2 space exploration and research agency, and a pre-
3 eminent developer and user of advanced space tech-
4 nologies, NASA should pursue partnerships with
5 commercial space providers to foster innovation in
6 and global leadership by space exploration and re-
7 search activities.

8 (b) CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION OF POLICY AND
9 PURPOSE.—Section 20102 of title 51, United States
10 Code, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as
11 follows:

12 “(c) UNITED STATES PRIVATE SECTOR USE OF AND
13 HUMAN PRESENCE IN SPACE.—Congress declares that
14 the general welfare of the United States requires that the
15 Administration seek and encourage, to the maximum ex-
16 tent possible, the fullest commercial use of space, includ-
17 ing by facilitating the expansion of United States private
18 sector use of and the growing and enduring presence of
19 private citizens in Earth orbit, in cislunar space, on the
20 surface of the Moon, and beyond.”.

