AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6131

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Add at the end the following:

1 SEC. 15. FEDERAL REENTRY RANGE COORDINATION.

2 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that licensed reentry
3 operators would benefit from broader coordination be4 tween the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary
5 of Defense to eliminate duplicative flight and ground safe6 ty requirements and streamline operations at a wider
7 number of Federal test ranges.

8 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-9 gress that—

10 (1) licensed launch and reentry operators have 11 benefitted from a Memorandum of Agreement be-12 tween the Department of the Air Force and the Fed-13 Aviation Administration (FAA-DAF-SLReral 14 2021.01), specifically at the Eastern and Western 15 Ranges, that explains the roles and responsibilities 16 of each agency to ensure safe operations;

(2) pursuant to such Memorandum of Agreement, the Department of the Air Force and the Federal Aviation Administration, must implement a non-

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duplicative, single approval process for each licensed
 activity on the Eastern and Western Ranges;

3 (3) to foster additional growth of the commer4 cial reentry sector, additional ranges, prioritized ac5 cording to where commercial demand exists, should
6 be included in a revised version of the current
7 Memorandum of Agreement, especially as such re8 lates to licensed reentry operations; and

9 (4) aligning the roles and responsibilities of 10 Federal agencies that each have a role to support li-11 censed commercial launch and reentry operations 12 has supported the growth of this important sector. 13 (c) REPORT.—Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of the Act, the Secretary of Trans-14 15 portation, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services, the 16 17 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and the 18 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Armed 19 20Services and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and 21 Transportation of the Senate a report containing the 22 progress of agency consultations related to reentry oper-23 ations at Federal ranges and the status of establishing a 24 Memorandum of Agreement to align roles and responsibil-25 ities at Department of Defense ranges, in addition to Van-

- 1 denberg Space Force Base and Cape Canaveral Space
- 2 Force Station.

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