

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5503
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At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 6** . **REAFFIRMATIONS ON ORBITAL DEBRIS.**

2 (a) **REAFFIRMATION OF FINDINGS.**—Congress reaf-
3 firms the findings under section 839(a) of the National
4 Aeronautics and Space Administration Transition Author-
5 ization Act of 2017 (Public Law 115–10) that—

6 (1) orbital debris poses serious risks to the
7 operational space capabilities of the United States;

8 (2) an international commitment and integrated
9 strategic plan are needed to mitigate the growth of
10 orbital debris wherever possible; and

11 (3) the delay in the Office of Science and Tech-
12 nology Policy’s submission of a report on the status
13 of international coordination and development of or-
14 bital debris mitigation strategies is inconsistent with
15 such risks.

16 (b) **REAFFIRMATION OF SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—Con-
17 gress reaffirms the sense of Congress under section 840(a)
18 of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
19 Transition Authorization Act of 2017 (Public Law 115–
20 10) that—

1 (1) orbital debris in low-Earth orbit poses sig-
2 nificant risks to spacecraft;

3 (2) such orbital debris may increase due to col-
4 lisions between existing debris objects; and

5 (3) understanding options to address and re-
6 move orbital debris is important for ensuring safe
7 and effective spacecraft operations in low-Earth
8 orbit.

