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To grant the consent of the Congress to the SMART Research and
Development Compact.

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Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. GREENWOOD, Ms. HART, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HOYER, Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PITTS, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WYNN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. KANJORSKI, and Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To grant the consent of the Congress to the SMART
Research and Development Compact.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE, FINDINGS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “SMART Research and Development Compact”.

1 (b) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following
2 findings:

3 (1) The shared borders, similar economic, envi-
4 ronmental, and socioeconomic traits as well as the
5 common historical attributes between the residents
6 of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsyl-
7 vania, bind the 4 States into a common Mid-Atlantic
8 region.

9 (2) This region presents a rich framework of
10 approximately 618 colleges and universities, includ-
11 ing approximately 38 leading engineering colleges
12 with a variety of technical expertise and ingenious
13 research and development programs within every
14 field of science and technology.

15 (3) This region contains a variety of federally
16 owned and generated laboratories or organizations
17 assigned with the task of performing needed re-
18 search and development in most of our Nation's
19 technical areas, highlighted by defense, transpor-
20 tation, health, energy, and communications.

21 (4) This region possesses a great wealth of pri-
22 vate manufacturers, laboratories, and nonprofit or-
23 ganizations in each of the scientific and techno-
24 logical pursuits, such as homeland security, defense,
25 aerospace, manufacturing, information systems, ma-

1 materials, chemicals, medical applications, and pharma-
2 ceuticals.

3 (5) Increased cooperation between the above-
4 mentioned institutions and the 4 State governments
5 may effectively enhance the region's contribution to
6 the United States in all fields of science and tech-
7 nology and promote academic, private and public re-
8 search and development, technical enterprise, and in-
9 tellectual vitality.

10 (6) An organization assigned with the task of
11 linking various institutions across different jurisdic-
12 tions and promoting working partnerships may fur-
13 ther assist the United States by providing a model
14 for the rest of the Nation for the effective use of
15 limited national, State, and local funding resources.

16 **SEC. 2. CONSENT TO COMPACT.**

17 The Congress consents to the SMART Research and
18 Development Compact if that compact is entered into by
19 two or more of the following States: the State of Delaware,
20 the State of Maryland, the State of New Jersey, and the
21 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The compact reads sub-
22 stantially as follows:

1 “SMART RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
2 COMPACT

3 “ARTICLE I.

4 “The purpose of this compact is to promote the con-
5 tribution of the Mid-Atlantic region to the Nation’s re-
6 search and development in science and technology, and to
7 create a multi-State organization that shall be known as
8 the SMART (Strengthening the Mid-Atlantic Region for
9 Tomorrow) Organization (hereinafter in this compact re-
10 ferred to as the ‘Organization’). The purpose of the Orga-
11 nization is to oversee and help facilitate the acquisition
12 of research and development funding, and to enhance the
13 cooperation, formation of partnerships, and sharing of in-
14 formation among businesses, academic institutions, Fed-
15 eral and State governmental agencies, laboratories, feder-
16 ally owned and operated laboratories, and nonprofit enti-
17 ties, within Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Penn-
18 sylvania.

19 “ARTICLE II.

20 “This compact takes effect upon ratification by two
21 or more of the following States: the State of Delaware,
22 the State of Maryland, the State of New Jersey, and the
23 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the consent
24 of Congress.

1 “ARTICLE III.

2 “The States, which are parties to this compact (here-
3 inafter referred to as ‘party States’), do hereby establish
4 and create the Organization as a joint organization which
5 shall be known as the SMART Organization.

6 “The leadership of the Organization shall consist of
7 a Board of Directors that shall include a representative
8 from each party State, appointed as provided by the law
9 of that State, and representatives from each technology
10 class described in Article IV from the party States. Board
11 Members may include any business, academic institution,
12 nonprofit agency, Federal or State governmental agency,
13 laboratory, and federally owned and operated laboratory
14 within the party States.

15 “The leadership of the Organization shall oversee and
16 direct the projects, administration, and policies of the Or-
17 ganization. The Board of Directors may create and utilize
18 the services of technology-designated Working Groups to
19 identify goals and sources of funding, establish research
20 and development projects, detect new technology advances
21 for the region to pursue, and facilitate cooperation among
22 regional entities. The Board of Directors and Working
23 Groups in the Organization shall serve without compensa-
24 tion and shall hold regular quarterly meetings and such
25 special meetings as their business may require.

1 “The Organization shall adopt bylaws and any other
 2 such rules or procedures as may be needed. The Organiza-
 3 tion may hold hearings and conduct studies and surveys
 4 to carry out its purpose. The Organization may acquire
 5 by gift or otherwise and hold and dispose of such money
 6 and property as may be provided for the proper perform-
 7 ance of its functions, may cooperate with other public or
 8 private groups, whether local, State, regional, or national,
 9 having an interest in economic or technology development,
 10 and may exercise such other powers as may be appropriate
 11 to accomplish its functions and duties in connection with
 12 the development of the Organization and to carry out the
 13 purpose of this compact.

14 “ARTICLE IV.

15 “Not including State Representatives, the Organiza-
 16 tion Board of Directors and Technology Working Groups
 17 may represent and originate from the following technology
 18 classes: information technology, sensors, rotorcraft tech-
 19 nology, manufacturing technology, fire/EMS, financial
 20 technology, alternative fuels, nanotechnology, electronics,
 21 environmental, telecommunications, chemical and biologi-
 22 cal, biomedical, opto-electric, Materials/Aerospace, and de-
 23 fense systems including directed energy, missile defense,
 24 future combat systems, and unmanned aerial vehicles. The
 25 SMART Organization may at any time, upon approval by

1 the Board of Directors, designate and assign new tech-
2 nology classes and may at any time remove an existing
3 class from this Article and the Organization's activities.

4 "ARTICLE V.

5 "The Board of Directors shall appoint a full-time
6 paid executive director, who shall be a person familiar with
7 the nature of the procedures and the significance of sci-
8 entific funding, research and development, economic devel-
9 opment, and the informational, educational, and publicity
10 methods of stimulating general interest in such develop-
11 ments. The duties of the executive director are to carry
12 out the goals and directives of the Board of Directors and
13 administer the actions of each Working Group as chair-
14 man. The executive director may hire a staff and shall
15 be the administrative head of the Organization, whose
16 term of office shall be at the pleasure of the Board of
17 Directors.

18 "ARTICLE VI.

19 "This compact shall continue in force and remain
20 binding upon each party State until 6 months after the
21 party State gives notice of its intent to withdraw to the
22 other party States."

1 **SEC. 3. RIGHT TO ALTER, AMEND, OR REPEAL.**

2 The Congress expressly reserves the right to alter,

3 amend, or repeal this Act.

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