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To require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on unmanned delivery service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATTA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Advancing Unmanned
5 Delivery Services Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADVANCING UNMANNED DELIVERY SERVICES**
7 **STUDY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 2 years
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of Commerce, in coordination with the head
4 of any other appropriate Federal agency, shall con-
5 duct a study on the impact of unmanned delivery
6 services on United States businesses conducting
7 interstate commerce.

8 (2) REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDY.—In con-
9 ducting the study, the Secretary shall do the fol-
10 lowing:

11 (A) Conduct a survey through outreach to
12 participating entities to—

13 (i) establish a list of the industry sec-
14 tors that develop and use unmanned deliv-
15 ery services, including the use of autono-
16 mous vehicles, drones, and robots;

17 (ii) review how unmanned delivery
18 services are currently being used and any
19 potential future applications of such serv-
20 ices;

21 (iii) identify any challenges to the de-
22 velopment and adoption of unmanned de-
23 livery services; and

24 (iv) review how such services may be
25 used to—

1 (I) deliver groceries, meals, medi-
2 cations, and other necessities to senior
3 citizens, people with disabilities, and
4 people without access to traditional
5 public transportation;

6 (II) address challenges public
7 health emergencies present, including
8 delivering groceries, meals, medica-
9 tions, medical supplies, and other ne-
10 cessities during such emergencies; and

11 (III) any other potential use of
12 such services.

13 (B) Develop and conduct a survey of Fed-
14 eral activity related to unmanned delivery serv-
15 ices to—

16 (i) establish a list of Federal agencies
17 asserting jurisdiction over industry sectors
18 identified under subparagraph (A)(i);

19 (ii) develop a brief description of the
20 jurisdiction and expertise of the Federal
21 agencies regarding unmanned delivery
22 services; and

23 (iii) identify all interagency activities
24 regarding unmanned delivery services.

1 (C) Conduct an international survey of
2 other countries to establish a compendium at
3 least 10 and not more than 15 countries con-
4 sisting of each country's national strategy on
5 unmanned delivery services to determine where
6 the United States ranks with respect to the de-
7 velopment and adoption of such services.

8 (D) Conduct a survey of the marketplace
9 and supply chain of unmanned delivery services
10 to—

11 (i) assess the severity of risks posed
12 to such marketplace and supply chain;

13 (ii) review the ability of foreign gov-
14 ernments or third parties to exploit such
15 supply chain in a manner that raises risks
16 to the economic and national security of
17 the United States; and

18 (iii) identify emerging risks and long-
19 term trends in such marketplace and sup-
20 ply chain.

21 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6
22 months after the completion of the study required pursu-
23 ant to subsection (a), the Secretary, in coordination with
24 the head of any other appropriate Federal agency, shall
25 submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the

1 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
2 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
3 that contains—

4 (1) the results of the study conducted under
5 subsection (a); and

6 (2) recommendations to—

7 (A) develop and implement a comprehen-
8 sive plan to promote the development and adop-
9 tion of unmanned delivery services in the
10 United States;

11 (B) develop policies that States can adopt
12 to encourage the development and adoption of
13 unmanned delivery services;

14 (C) develop a national strategy to advance
15 the United States position in the world on the
16 development and adoption of unmanned delivery
17 services;

18 (D) develop strategies to mitigate current
19 and emerging risks to the marketplace and sup-
20 ply chain of unmanned delivery services; and

21 (E) develop legislation to accomplish such
22 recommendations.

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