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To establish a new Directorate for Technology in the redesignated National Science and Technology Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, and innovation, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

- To establish a new Directorate for Technology in the redesignated National Science and Technology Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, and innovation, and for other purposes.
 - 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 "Endless Frontier Act".

5 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

6 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) For over 70 years, the United States has 2 been the unequivocal global leader in scientific and 3 technological innovation, and as a result the people 4 of the United States have benefitted through good-5 paying jobs, economic prosperity, and a higher qual-6 ity of life. Today, however, this leadership position 7 is being eroded and challenged by foreign competi-8 tors, some of whom are stealing intellectual property 9 and trade secrets of the United States and aggres-10 sively investing in fundamental research and com-11 mercialization to dominate the key technology fields 12 of the future. While the United States once led the 13 world in the share of our economy invested in re-14 search, our Nation now ranks 9th globally in total 15 research and development and 12th in publicly fi-16 nanced research and development.

17 (2) Without a significant increase in investment 18 in research, education, technology transfer, and the 19 core strengths of the United States innovation eco-20 system, it is only a matter of time before the global 21 competitors of the United States overtake the 22 United States in terms of technological primacy. The 23 country that wins the race in key technologies—such 24 as artificial intelligence, quantum computing, advanced communications, and advanced manufac turing—will be the superpower of the future.

3 (3) The Federal Government must catalyze
4 United States innovation by boosting fundamental
5 research investments focused on discovering, cre6 ating, commercializing, and producing new tech7 nologies to ensure the leadership of the United
8 States in the industries of the future.

9 (4) The distribution of innovation jobs and in-10 vestment in the United States has become largely 11 concentrated in just a few locations, while much of 12 the Nation has been left out of growth in the innova-13 tion sector. More than 90 percent of the Nation's in-14 novation sector employment growth in the last 15 15 years was generated in just 5 major cities. The Fed-16 eral Government must address this imbalance in op-17 portunity by partnering with the private sector to 18 build new technology hubs across the country, 19 spreading innovation sector jobs more broadly, and 20 tapping the talent and potential of the entire Nation 21 to ensure the United States leads the industries of 22 the future.

23 (5) Since its inception, the National Science
24 Foundation has carried out vital work supporting
25 basic research and people to create knowledge that

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| 1 | is a primary driver of the economy of the United |
| 2 | States and enhances the Nation's security. |
| 3 | SEC. 3. NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOUNDA- |
| 4 | TION. |
| 5 | (a) Redesignation of National Science Foun- |
| 6 | DATION AS NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOUN- |
| 7 | DATION.— |
| 8 | (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2 of the Act of May |
| 9 | 10, 1950 (64 Stat. 149, chapter 171; 42 U.S.C. |
| 10 | 1861), is amended— |
| 11 | (A) in the section heading, by inserting |
| 12 | "AND TECHNOLOGY" after "SCIENCE"; and |
| 13 | (B) by striking "the National Science |
| 14 | Foundation" and inserting "the National |
| 15 | Science and Technology Foundation". |
| 16 | (2) References.—Any reference in any law, |
| 17 | rule, regulation, certificate, directive, instruction, or |
| 18 | other official paper in force on the date of enactment |
| 19 | of this Act to the National Science Foundation shall |
| 20 | be considered to refer and apply to the National |
| 21 | Science and Technology Foundation. |
| 22 | (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR |
| 23 | TECHNOLOGY.—Section 6 of the Act of May 10, 1950 (64 |
| 24 | Stat. 149, chapter 171; 42 U.S.C. 1864a), is amended— |

| 1 | (1) in the gastion heading by stuiling "DEDUWY |
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| | (1) in the section heading, by striking "DEPUTY |
| 2 | DIRECTOR" and inserting "DEPUTY DIRECTORS"; |
| 3 | (2) in the first sentence— |
| 4 | (A) by striking "a Deputy Director" and |
| 5 | inserting "2 Deputy Directors"; and |
| 6 | (B) by inserting "and in accordance with |
| 7 | the expedited procedures established under S. |
| 8 | Res. 116 (112th Congress)" after "the Senate"; |
| 9 | (3) in the third sentence, by striking "The Dep- |
| 10 | uty Director shall receive" and inserting "Each Dep- |
| 11 | uty Director shall receive"; |
| 12 | (4) by inserting after the third sentence the fol- |
| 13 | lowing: "The Deputy Director for Technology shall |
| 14 | oversee, and perform duties relating to, the Direc- |
| 15 | torate for Technology of the Foundation, as estab- |
| 16 | lished under section 8A, and the Deputy Director for |
| 17 | Science shall oversee, and perform duties relating to, |
| 18 | the other activities and directorates supported by the |
| 19 | Foundation."; and |
| 20 | (5) in the last sentence, by striking "The Dep- |
| 21 | uty Director shall act" and inserting "The Deputy |
| 22 | Director for Science shall act". |
| 23 | (c) Establishment of Directorate for Tech- |
| 24 | NOLOGY.—The Act of May 10, 1950 (64 Stat. 149, chap- |
| 25 | ter 171; 42 U.S.C. 1861 et seq.), is amended— |

| 1 | (1) in section 8 (42 U.S.C. 1866), by inserting |
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| 2 | at the end the following: "Such divisions shall in- |
| 3 | clude the Directorate for Technology established |
| 4 | under section 8A."; and |
| 5 | (2) by inserting after section 8 the following: |
| 6 | "SEC. 8A. DIRECTORATE FOR TECHNOLOGY. |
| 7 | "(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section: |
| 8 | "(1) DEPUTY DIRECTOR.—The term 'Deputy |
| 9 | Director' means the Deputy Director for Tech- |
| 10 | nology. |
| 11 | "(2) DESIGNATED COUNTRY.—The term 'des- |
| 12 | ignated country' means a country that has been ap- |
| 13 | proved and designated in writing by the President |
| 14 | for purposes of this section, after providing— |
| 15 | "(A) not less than 30 days of advance noti- |
| 16 | fication and explanation to the relevant con- |
| 17 | gressional committees before the designation; |
| 18 | and |
| 19 | "(B) in-person briefings to such commit- |
| 20 | tees, if requested during the 30-day advance no- |
| 21 | tification period described in subparagraph (A). |
| 22 | "(3) DIRECTORATE.—The term 'Directorate' |
| 23 | means the Directorate for Technology established |
| 24 | under subsection (b). |

| 1 | "(4) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.— |
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| 2 | The term 'institution of higher education' has the |
| 3 | meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the |
| 4 | Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)). |
| 5 | "(5) Key technology focus areas.—The |
| 6 | term 'key technology focus areas' means the areas |
| 7 | included on the most recent list under subsection |
| 8 | (c)(2). |
| 9 | "(6) Relevant congressional commit- |
| 10 | TEES.—The term 'relevant congressional commit- |
| 11 | tees' means— |
| 12 | "(A) the Committee on Armed Services, |
| 13 | the Committee on Commerce, Science, and |
| 14 | Transportation, the Committee on Appropria- |
| 15 | tions, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and |
| 16 | the Select Committee on Intelligence of the |
| 17 | Senate; and |
| 18 | "(B) the Committee on Armed Services, |
| 19 | the Committee on Science, Space, and Tech- |
| 20 | nology, the Committee on Appropriations, the |
| 21 | Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Perma- |
| 22 | nent Select Committee on Intelligence of the |
| 23 | House of Representatives. |
| 24 | "(b) Establishment.— |

| 1 | "(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days |
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| 2 | after the date of enactment of the Endless Frontier |
| 3 | Act, the Director shall establish in the Foundation |
| 4 | a Directorate for Technology. The Directorate shall |
| 5 | carry out the duties and responsibilities described in |
| 6 | this section, in order to further the following goals: |
| 7 | "(A) Strengthening the leadership of the |
| 8 | United States in critical technologies through |
| 9 | fundamental research in the key technology |
| 10 | focus areas. |
| 11 | "(B) Enhancing the competitiveness of the |
| 12 | United States in the key technology focus areas |
| 13 | by improving education in the key technology |
| 14 | focus areas and attracting more students to |
| 15 | such areas. |
| 16 | "(C) Consistent with the operations of the |
| 17 | Foundation, fostering the economic and societal |
| 18 | impact of federally funded research and devel- |
| 19 | opment through an accelerated translation of |
| 20 | fundamental advances in the key technology |
| 21 | focus areas into processes and products that |
| 22 | can help achieve national goals related to eco- |
| 23 | nomic competitiveness, domestic manufacturing, |
| 24 | national security, shared prosperity, energy and |

| 1 | the environment, health, education and work- |
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| 2 | force development, and transportation. |
| 3 | "(2) DEPUTY DIRECTOR.—The Directorate |
| 4 | shall be headed by the Deputy Director. |
| 5 | "(3) Organization and administrative |
| 6 | MATTERS.— |
| 7 | "(A) HIRING AUTHORITY.— |
| 8 | "(i) EXPERTS IN SCIENCE AND ENGI- |
| 9 | NEERING.—The Director shall have the au- |
| 10 | thority to carry out a program of personnel |
| 11 | management authority for the Directorate |
| 12 | in the same manner, and subject to the |
| 13 | same requirements, as the program of per- |
| 14 | sonnel management authority authorized |
| 15 | for the Director of the Defense Advanced |
| 16 | Research Projects Agency under section |
| 17 | 1599h of title 10, United States Code, for |
| 18 | the Defense Advanced Research Projects |
| 19 | Agency. |
| 20 | "(ii) Highly qualified experts in |
| 21 | NEEDED OCCUPATIONS.—In addition to |
| 22 | the authority provided under clause (i), the |
| 23 | Director shall have the authority to carry |
| 24 | out a program of personnel management |
| 25 | authority for the Directorate in the same |

| 1 | manner, and subject to the same require- |
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| 2 | ments, as the program to attract highly |
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| 3 | qualified experts carried out by the Sec- |
| 4 | retary of Defense under section 9903 of |
| 5 | title 5, United States Code. |
| 6 | "(iii) Additional hiring author- |
| 7 | ITY.—To the extent needed to carry out |
| 8 | the duties in paragraph (1) , the Director |
| 9 | shall utilize hiring authorities under sec- |
| 10 | tion 3372 of title 5, United States Code, to |
| 11 | staff the Directorate with employees from |
| 12 | other Federal agencies, State and local |
| 13 | governments, Indian tribes and tribal orga- |
| 14 | nizations, institutions of higher education, |
| 15 | and other organizations, as described in |
| 16 | that section, in the same manner and sub- |
| 17 | ject to the same conditions, that apply to |
| 18 | such individuals utilized to accomplish |
| 19 | other missions of the Foundation. |
| 20 | "(B) Program managers.—The employ- |
| 21 | ees of the Directorate may include program |
| 22 | managers for the key technology focus areas, |
| 23 | who shall perform a role similar to programs |
| 24 | managers employed by the Defense Advanced |
| 25 | Research Projects Agency for the oversight and |

selection of programs supported by the Directorate.

"(C) SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.—Recipients of support under the programs and activities of the Directorate shall be selected by program managers or other employees of the Directorate. The Directorate may use a peer review process to inform the decisions of program
managers or other employees.

10 "(D) Assistant directors.—The Direc-11 tor may appoint 1 or more Assistant Directors 12 for the Directorate as the Director determines 13 necessary, in the same manner as other Assist-14 ant Directors of the Foundation are appointed. 15 "(4) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after 16 the date of enactment of the Endless Frontier Act, 17 the Director shall prepare and submit a report to 18 the relevant congressional committees regarding the 19 establishment of the Directorate.

20 "(c) DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DIREC-21 TORATE.—

22 "(1) DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY FOCUS
23 OF THE DIRECTORATE.—The Director, acting
24 through the Deputy Director, shall—

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| 1 | "(A) advance innovation in the key tech- |
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| 2 | nology focus areas through fundamental re- |
| 3 | search and other activities described in this sec- |
| 4 | tion; and |
| 5 | "(B) develop and implement strategies to |
| 6 | ensure that the activities of the Directorate are |
| 7 | directed toward the key technology focus areas |
| 8 | in order to accomplish the goals described in |
| 9 | subparagraphs (A) through (C) of subsection |
| 10 | (b)(1) consistent with the most recent report |
| 11 | conducted under section $5(b)$ of the Endless |
| 12 | Frontier Act. |
| 13 | "(2) Key technology focus areas.— |
| 14 | "(A) INITIAL LIST.—The initial key tech- |
| 15 | nology focus areas are— |
| 16 | "(i) artificial intelligence and machine |
| 17 | learning; |
| 18 | "(ii) high performance computing, |
| 19 | semiconductors, and advanced computer |
| 20 | hardware; |
| 21 | "(iii) quantum computing and infor- |
| 22 | mation systems; |
| 23 | "(iv) robotics, automation, and ad- |
| 24 | vanced manufacturing; |

| 1 | "(v) natural or anthropogenic disaster |
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| 2 | prevention; |
| 3 | "(vi) advanced communications tech- |
| 4 | nology; |
| 5 | "(vii) biotechnology, genomics, and |
| 6 | synthetic biology; |
| 7 | "(viii) cybersecurity, data storage, and |
| 8 | data management technologies; |
| 9 | "(ix) advanced energy; and |
| 10 | "(x) materials science, engineering, |
| 11 | and exploration relevant to the other key |
| 12 | technology focus areas described in this |
| 13 | subparagraph. |
| 14 | "(B) REVIEW OF KEY TECHNOLOGY FOCUS |
| 15 | AREAS AND SUBSEQUENT LISTS.— |
| 16 | "(i) Adding or deleting key |
| 17 | TECHNOLOGY FOCUS AREAS.—Beginning |
| 18 | on the date that is 4 years after the date |
| 19 | of enactment of the Endless Frontier Act, |
| 20 | and every 4 years thereafter, the Director, |
| 21 | acting through the Deputy Director— |
| 22 | "(I) shall, in consultation with |
| 23 | the Board of Advisors, review the list |
| 24 | of key technology focus areas; and |

| 1 | "(II) as part of that review, may |
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| 2 | add or delete key technology focus |
| 3 | areas if the competitive threats to the |
| 4 | United States have shifted (whether |
| 5 | because the United States or other |
| 6 | nations have advanced or fallen be- |
| 7 | hind in a technological area), subject |
| 8 | to clause (ii). |
| 9 | "(ii) LIMIT ON KEY TECHNOLOGY |
| 10 | FOCUS AREAS.—Not more than 10 key |
| 11 | technology focus areas shall be included on |
| 12 | the list of key technology focus areas at |
| 13 | any time. |
| 14 | "(iii) UPDATING FOCUS AREAS AND |
| 15 | DISTRIBUTION.—Upon the completion of |
| 16 | each review under this subparagraph, the |
| 17 | Director shall make the list of key tech- |
| 18 | nology focus areas readily available and |
| 19 | publish the list in the Federal Register, |
| 20 | even if no changes have been made to the |
| 21 | prior list. |
| 22 | "(3) Activities.— |
| 23 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the |
| 24 | duties and functions of the Directorate, the Di- |
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| 1 | rector, acting through the Deputy Director, |
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| 2 | may— |
| 3 | "(i) award grants, cooperative agree- |
| 4 | ments, and contracts to— |
| 5 | "(I) individual institutions of |
| 6 | higher education for work at centers |
| 7 | or by individual researchers; |
| 8 | "(II) not-for-profit entities; and |
| 9 | "(III) consortia that— |
| 10 | "(aa) shall include and be |
| 11 | led by an institution of higher |
| 12 | education, and may include 1 or |
| 13 | more additional institutions of |
| 14 | higher education; |
| 15 | "(bb) may include 1 or more |
| 16 | entities described in subclause (I) |
| 17 | or (II) and, if determined appro- |
| 18 | priate by the Director, for-profit |
| 19 | entities, including small busi- |
| 20 | nesses; and |
| 21 | "(cc) may include 1 or more |
| 22 | entities described in subclause (I) |
| 23 | or (II) from treaty allies and se- |
| 24 | curity partners of the United |
| 25 | States; |

- "(ii) provide funds to other divisions 1 2 of the Foundation, including— 3 "(I) to the other directorates of 4 the Foundation to pursue basic ques-5 tions about natural and physical phe-6 nomena that could enable advances in 7 the key technology focus areas; 8 "(II) to the Directorate for So-9 cial, Behavioral, and Economic 10 Sciences to study questions that could 11 affect the design, operation, deploy-12 ment, or the social and ethical con-13 sequences of technologies in the key 14 technology focus areas; and "(III) to the Directorate 15 for Education and Human Resources to 16 17 further the creation of a domestic
- 18 workforce capable of advancing the19 key technology focus areas;

20 "(iii) provide funds to other Federal
21 research agencies, including the National
22 Institute of Standards and Technology, for
23 intramural or extramural work in the key
24 technology focus areas;

| 1 | "(iv) make awards under the SBIR |
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| 2 | and STTR programs (as defined in section |
| 3 | 9(e) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. |
| 4 | 638(e)) in the same manner as awards |
| 5 | under such programs are made by the Di- |
| 6 | rector of the Foundation; |
| 7 | "(v) administer prize challenges under |
| 8 | section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler Tech- |
| 9 | nology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. |
| 10 | 3719) in the key technology focus areas, in |
| 11 | order to expand public-private partnerships |
| 12 | beyond direct research funding; and |
| 13 | "(vi) enter into and perform such con- |
| 14 | tracts, including cooperative research and |
| 15 | development arrangements and grants and |
| 16 | cooperative agreements or other trans- |
| 17 | actions, as may be necessary in the con- |
| 18 | duct of the work of the Directorate and on |
| 19 | such terms as the Deputy Director con- |
| 20 | siders appropriate, in furtherance of the |
| 21 | purposes of this Act. |
| 22 | "(B) REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days |
| 23 | after the date of enactment of the Endless |
| 24 | Frontier Act, the Director shall prepare and |
| 25 | submit to the relevant congressional committees |
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| 1 | a spending plan for the next 5 years for each |
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| 2 | of the activities described in subparagraph (A), |
| 3 | including- |
| 4 | "(i) a plan to seek out additional in- |
| 5 | vestments from— |
| 6 | "(I) certain designated countries; |
| 7 | and |
| 8 | "(II) if appropriate, private sec- |
| 9 | tor entities; and |
| 10 | "(ii) the planned activities of the Di- |
| 11 | rectorate to secure federally funded science |
| 12 | and technology pursuant to section 1746 of |
| 13 | the National Defense Authorization Act for |
| 14 | Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92). |
| 15 | "(C) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Each year, the |
| 16 | Director shall formally request a briefing from |
| 17 | the Director of the Federal Bureau of Inves- |
| 18 | tigation and the Director of the National Coun- |
| 19 | terintelligence and Security Center regarding |
| 20 | their efforts to preserve the United States ad- |
| 21 | vantages generated by the activity of the Direc- |
| 22 | torate. |
| 23 | "(4) INTERAGENCY COOPERATION.—In carrying |
| 24 | out this section, the Director and other Federal re- |
| 25 | search agencies shall work cooperatively with each |

| 1 | other to further the goals of this section in the key |
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| 2 | technology focus areas. Each year, the Director shall |
| 3 | prepare and submit a report to Congress, and shall |
| 4 | simultaneously submit the report to the Director of |
| 5 | the Office of Science and Technology Policy, describ- |
| 6 | ing the interagency cooperation that occurred during |
| 7 | the preceding year pursuant to this paragraph, in- |
| 8 | cluding a list of— |
| 9 | "(A) any funds provided under paragraph |
| 10 | (3)(A)(ii) to other divisions of the Foundation; |
| 11 | and |
| 12 | "(B) any funds provided under paragraph |
| 13 | (3)(A)(iii) to other Federal research agencies. |
| 14 | "(5) Providing scholarships, fellowships, |
| 15 | AND OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT.— |
| 16 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director, acting |
| 17 | through the Directorate, shall fund under- |
| 18 | graduate scholarships, graduate fellowships and |
| 19 | traineeships, and postdoctoral student awards |
| 20 | in the key technology focus areas. |
| 21 | "(B) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Director |
| 22 | may carry out subparagraph (A) by providing |
| 23 | funds— |

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| 1 | "(i) to the Directorate for Education |
| 2 | and Human Resources of the Foundation |
| 3 | for— |
| 4 | "(I) awards directly to students; |
| 5 | and |
| 6 | "(II) grants or cooperative agree- |
| 7 | ments to institutions of higher edu- |
| 8 | cation, including those institutions in- |
| 9 | volved in operating university tech- |
| 10 | nology centers established under para- |
| 11 | graph (6) ; and |
| 12 | "(ii) to programs in Federal research |
| 13 | agencies that have experience awarding |
| 14 | such scholarships, fellowships, traineeships, |
| 15 | or postdoctoral awards. |
| 16 | "(C) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—The |
| 17 | Director shall ensure that funds made available |
| 18 | under this paragraph shall be used to create ad- |
| 19 | ditional support for postsecondary students and |
| 20 | shall not displace funding for any other avail- |
| 21 | able support. |
| 22 | "(6) University technology centers.— |
| 23 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—From amounts made |
| 24 | available to the Directorate, the Director shall, |

through a competitive application and selection

| 1 | process, award grants to or enter into coopera- |
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| 2 | tive agreements with institutions of higher edu- |
| 3 | cation or consortia described in paragraph |
| 4 | (3)(A)(i)(III) to establish university technology |
| 5 | centers. |
| 6 | "(B) USES OF FUNDS.— |
| 7 | "(i) IN GENERAL.—A center estab- |
| 8 | lished under a grant or cooperative agree- |
| 9 | ment under subparagraph (A)— |
| 10 | "(I) shall use support provided |
| 11 | under such subparagraph— |
| 12 | "(aa) to carry out funda- |
| 13 | mental research to advance inno- |
| 14 | vation in the key technology |
| 15 | focus areas; and |
| 16 | "(bb) to further the develop- |
| 17 | ment of innovations in the key |
| 18 | technology focus areas, includ- |
| 19 | ing— |
| 20 | "(AA) innovations de- |
| 21 | rived from research carried |
| 22 | out under item (aa), through |
| 23 | such activities as proof-of- |
| 24 | concept development and |
| 25 | prototyping, in order to re- |
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| 1 | duce the cost, time, and risk |
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| 2 | of commercializing new tech- |
| 3 | nologies; and |
| 4 | "(BB) through the use |
| 5 | of public-private partner- |
| 6 | ships; and |
| 7 | "(II) may use support provided |
| 8 | under such subparagraph— |
| 9 | "(aa) for the costs of equip- |
| 10 | ment, including mid-tier infra- |
| 11 | structure, and the purchase of |
| 12 | cyberinfrastructure resources, in- |
| 13 | cluding computer time; or |
| 14 | "(bb) for other activities or |
| 15 | costs necessary to accomplish the |
| 16 | purposes of this section. |
| 17 | "(ii) SUPPORT OF REGIONAL TECH- |
| 18 | NOLOGY HUBS.—Each center established |
| 19 | under subparagraph (A) may support and |
| 20 | participate in, as appropriate, the activities |
| 21 | of any regional technology hub designated |
| 22 | under section 27(d) of the Stevenson- |
| 23 | Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 |
| 24 | (15 U.S.C. 3722(d)). |

| 1 | "(C) Requirements.—The Director shall |
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| 2 | ensure that any institution of higher education |
| 3 | or consortium receiving a grant or cooperative |
| 4 | agreement under subparagraph (A) has dem- |
| 5 | onstrated an ability to advance the goals de- |
| 6 | scribed in subsection $(b)(1)$. |
| 7 | "(7) Moving technology from laboratory |
| 8 | TO MARKET.— |
| 9 | "(A) Program Authorized.—The Direc- |
| 10 | tor shall establish a program in the Directorate |
| 11 | to award grants, on a competitive basis, to in- |
| 12 | stitutions of higher education or consortia de- |
| 13 | scribed in paragraph (3)(A)(i)(III)— |
| 14 | "(i) to build capacity at an institution |
| 15 | of higher education and in its surrounding |
| 16 | region to increase the likelihood that new |
| 17 | technologies in the key technology focus |
| 18 | areas will succeed in the commercial mar- |
| 19 | ket; and |
| 20 | "(ii) with the goal of promoting ex- |
| 21 | periments with a range of models that in- |
| 22 | stitutions of higher education could use |
| 23 | to— |
| 24 | "(I) enable new technologies to |
| 25 | mature to the point where the tech- |

| 1 | nologies are more likely to succeed in |
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| 2 | the commercial market; and |
| 3 | "(II) reduce the risks to commer- |
| 4 | cial success for new technologies ear- |
| 5 | lier in their development. |
| 6 | A grant awarded under this subparagraph for a |
| 7 | purpose described in clause (i) or (ii) may also |
| 8 | enable the institution of higher education or |
| 9 | consortium to provide training and support to |
| 10 | scientists and engineers who are interested in |
| 11 | research and commercialization, if the use is in- |
| 12 | cluded in the proposal submitted under sub- |
| 13 | paragraph (B). |
| 14 | "(B) Proposals.—An institution of high- |
| 15 | er education or consortium desiring a grant |
| 16 | under this paragraph shall submit a proposal to |
| 17 | the Director at such time, in such manner, and |
| 18 | containing such information as the Director |
| 19 | may require. The proposal shall include a de- |
| 20 | scription of— |
| 21 | "(i) the steps the applicant will take |
| 22 | to reduce the risks for commercialization |
| 23 | for new technologies; |
| 24 | "(ii) why such steps are likely to be |
| 25 | effective; and |
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| 1 | "(iii) how such steps differ from pre- |
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| 2 | vious efforts to reduce the risks for com- |
| 3 | mercialization for new technologies. |
| 4 | "(C) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of a |
| 5 | grant under this paragraph shall use grant |
| 6 | funds to reduce the risks for commercialization |
| 7 | for new technologies developed on campus, |
| 8 | which may include— |
| 9 | "(i) creating and funding competitions |
| 10 | to allow entrepreneurial ideas from institu- |
| 11 | tions of higher education to illustrate their |
| 12 | commercialization potential; |
| 13 | "(ii) facilitating mentorships between |
| 14 | local and national business leaders and po- |
| 15 | tential entrepreneurs to encourage success- |
| 16 | ful commercialization; |
| 17 | "(iii) creating and funding for-profit |
| 18 | or not-for-profit entities that could enable |
| 19 | researchers at institutions of higher edu- |
| 20 | cation to further develop new technology |
| 21 | prior to seeking commercial financing, |
| 22 | through patient funding, advice, staff sup- |
| 23 | port, or other means; |
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| 1 | "(iv) providing off-campus facilities |
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| 2 | for start-up companies where technology |
| 3 | maturation could occur; and |
| 4 | "(v) revising institution policies to ac- |
| 5 | complish the goals of this paragraph. |
| 6 | "(8) Test beds.— |
| 7 | "(A) Program authorized.—The Direc- |
| 8 | tor, acting through the Deputy Director, shall |
| 9 | establish a program in the Directorate to award |
| 10 | grants, on a competitive basis, to institutions of |
| 11 | higher education or consortia described in para- |
| 12 | graph $(3)(A)(i)(III)$ to establish test beds and |
| 13 | fabrication facilities to advance the operation, |
| 14 | integration and, as appropriate, manufacturing |
| 15 | of new, innovative technologies in the key tech- |
| 16 | nology focus areas, which may include hardware |
| 17 | or software. The goal of such test beds and fa- |
| 18 | cilities shall be to accelerate the movement of |
| 19 | innovative technologies into the commercial |
| 20 | market through existing and new companies. |
| 21 | "(B) Proposals.—A proposal submitted |
| 22 | under this paragraph shall, at a minimum, de- |
| 23 | scribe— |

| 1 | "(i)(I) the 1 or more technologies that |
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| 2 | will be the focus of the test bed or fabrica- |
| 3 | tion facility; |
| 4 | "(II) the goals of the work to be done |
| 5 | at the test bed or facility; and |
| 6 | "(III) the expected schedule for com- |
| 7 | pleting that work; |
| 8 | "(ii) how the applicant will assemble a |
| 9 | workforce with the skills needed to operate |
| 10 | the test bed or facility; |
| 11 | "(iii) how the applicant will ensure |
| 12 | that work in the test bed or facility will |
| 13 | contribute to the commercial viability of |
| 14 | any technologies, which may include col- |
| 15 | laboration and funding from industry part- |
| 16 | ners; |
| 17 | "(iv) how the applicant will encourage |
| 18 | the participation of entrepreneurs and the |
| 19 | development of new businesses; and |
| 20 | "(v) how the test bed or facility will |
| 21 | operate after Federal funding has ended. |
| 22 | "(C) AWARDS.—Grants made under this |
| 23 | paragraph— |
| 24 | "(i) shall be for 5 years, with the pos- |
| 25 | sibility of one 3-year extension; and |
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| 1 | "(ii) may be used for the purchase of |
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| 2 | equipment, the support of graduate stu- |
| 3 | dents and postdoctoral researchers, and |
| 4 | the salaries of staff. |
| 5 | "(D) REQUIREMENTS.—As a condition of |
| 6 | receiving a grant under this paragraph, an in- |
| 7 | stitution of higher education or consortium |
| 8 | shall publish and share with the public the re- |
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| | sults of the work conducted under this para- |
| 10 | graph. $((0)$ INTERFECTED FUELDER ((0)) (1) shall |
| 11 | "(9) INAPPLICABILITY.—Section 5(e)(1) shall |
| 12 | not apply to grants, contracts, or other arrange- |
| 13 | ments made under this section. |
| 14 | "(d) Board of Advisors.— |
| 15 | "(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the |
| 16 | Foundation a Board of Advisors for the Directorate |
| 17 | (referred to in this section as the 'Board of Advi- |
| 18 | sors'), which shall provide advice to the Deputy Di- |
| 19 | rector pursuant to this subsection. The Board of Ad- |
| 20 | visors shall not have any decision-making authority. |
| 21 | "(2) Membership.— |
| 22 | "(A) Composition.—The Board of Advi- |
| 23 | sors shall be comprised of 12 members rep- |
| 24 | resenting scientific leaders and experts from in- |
| 25 | dustry and academia, of whom— |
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| 1 | "(i) two shall be appointed by the ma- |
| 2 | jority leader of the Senate; |
| 3 | "(ii) two shall be appointed by the mi- |
| 4 | nority leader of the Senate; |
| 5 | "(iii) two shall be appointed by the |
| 6 | Speaker of the House of Representatives; |
| 7 | "(iv) two shall be appointed by the |
| 8 | minority leader of the House of Represent- |
| 9 | atives; and |
| 10 | "(v) four shall be appointed by the |
| 11 | Director. |
| 12 | "(B) Opportunity for input.—Before |
| 13 | appointing any member under subparagraph |
| 14 | (A), the appointing authority shall provide an |
| 15 | opportunity for the National Academies of |
| 16 | Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine and other |
| 17 | entities to provide advice regarding potential |
| 18 | appointees. |
| 19 | "(C) QUALIFICATIONS.— |
| 20 | "(i) IN GENERAL.—Each member ap- |
| 21 | pointed under subparagraph (A) shall— |
| 22 | "(I) have extensive experience in |
| 23 | a field related to the work of the Di- |
| 24 | rectorate or other expertise relevant to |
| 25 | developing technology roadmaps; and |
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| 1 | "(II) have, or be able to obtain |
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| 2 | within a reasonable period of time, a |
| 3 | security clearance appropriate for the |
| 4 | work of the Board of Advisors. |
| 5 | "(ii) Expedited security clear- |
| 6 | ANCES.—The process of obtaining a secu- |
| 7 | rity clearance under clause (i)(II) may be |
| 8 | expedited by the head of the appropriate |
| 9 | Federal agency to enable the Board to re- |
| 10 | ceive classified briefings on the current and |
| 11 | future technological capacity of other na- |
| 12 | tions, and on the military implications of |
| 13 | civilian technologies. |
| 14 | "(D) DATE.—The appointments of the |
| | members of the Board of Advisors shall be |
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| 15 16 | made not later than 90 days after the date of |
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| 16 17 | made not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Endless Frontier Act. |
| 16 17 18 | made not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Endless Frontier Act. "(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.— |
| 16 17 18 19 | made not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Endless Frontier Act. "(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.— "(A) IN GENERAL.—A member of the |
| 16 17 18 19 20 | made not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Endless Frontier Act. "(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.— "(A) IN GENERAL.—A member of the Board of Advisors shall be appointed for a 3- |
| 16 17 18 19 20 21 | made not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Endless Frontier Act. "(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.— "(A) IN GENERAL.—A member of the Board of Advisors shall be appointed for a 3- year term, except that the Deputy Director |
| 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 | made not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Endless Frontier Act. "(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.— "(A) IN GENERAL.—A member of the Board of Advisors shall be appointed for a 3- year term, except that the Deputy Director shall adjust the terms for the first members of |

| 1 | through (v) of paragraph (2)(A), the terms ex- |
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| 2 | pire on a staggered basis. |
| 3 | "(B) TERM LIMITS.—A member of the |
| 4 | Board of Advisors shall not serve for more than |
| 5 | 2 full consecutive terms. |
| 6 | "(C) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the |
| 7 | Board of Advisors— |
| 8 | "(i) shall not affect the powers of the |
| 9 | Board of Advisors; and |
| 10 | "(ii) shall be filled in the same man- |
| 11 | ner as the original appointment. |
| 12 | "(4) CHAIRPERSON.—The members of the |
| 13 | Board of Advisors shall elect 1 member to serve as |
| 14 | the chairperson of the Board of Advisors. |
| 15 | "(5) MEETINGS.— |
| 16 | "(A) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than |
| 17 | 180 days after the date of enactment of the |
| 18 | Endless Frontier Act, the Board of Advisors |
| 19 | shall hold the first meeting of the Board of Ad- |
| 20 | visors. |
| 21 | "(B) Additional meetings.—After the |
| 22 | first meeting of the Board of Advisors, the |
| 23 | Board of Advisors shall meet upon the call of |
| 24 | the chairperson or of the Director, and at least |

| 1 | once every 180 days for the duration of the |
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| 2 | Board of Advisors. |
| 3 | "(C) MEETING WITH THE NATIONAL |
| 4 | SCIENCE BOARD.—The Board of Advisors shall |
| 5 | hold a joint meeting with the National Science |
| 6 | Board on at least an annual basis, on a date |
| 7 | mutually selected by the chairperson of the |
| 8 | Board of Advisors and the Chairman of the Na- |
| 9 | tional Science Board. |
| 10 | "(D) QUORUM.—A majority of the mem- |
| 11 | bers of the Board of Advisors shall constitute a |
| 12 | quorum, but a lesser number of members may |
| 13 | hold hearings. |
| 14 | "(6) DUTIES OF BOARD OF ADVISORS.— |
| 15 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—The Board of Advi- |
| 16 | sors shall provide advice— |
| 17 | "(i) to the Deputy Director on pro- |
| 18 | grams that could best be carried out to ac- |
| 19 | complish the purposes of this section; |
| 20 | "(ii) to the Deputy Director to inform |
| 21 | the reviews of key technology focus areas |
| 22 | required under subsection $(c)(2)(B)$; and |
| 23 | "(iii) on other issues relating to the |
| 24 | purposes and responsibilities of the Direc- |

| 1 | torate, as requested by the Deputy Direc- |
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| 2 | tor. |
| 3 | "(B) NO ROLE IN AWARDING GRANTS, |
| 4 | CONTRACTS, OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS |
| 5 | The Board of Advisors shall not provide advice |
| 6 | on or otherwise help determine what entities |
| 7 | shall receive grants, contracts, or cooperative |
| 8 | agreements under this Act. |
| 9 | "(7) Powers of board of advisors.— |
| 10 | "(A) HEARINGS.—The Board of Advisors |
| 11 | may hold public or private hearings, sit and act |
| 12 | at such times and places, take such testimony |
| 13 | and receive such evidence (including classified |
| 14 | testimony and evidence), and administer such |
| 15 | oaths as may be necessary to carry out the |
| 16 | functions of the Board of Advisors under para- |
| 17 | graph (6). |
| 18 | "(B) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGEN- |
| 19 | CIES.— |
| 20 | "(i) IN GENERAL.—Each Federal de- |
| 21 | partment or agency shall, in accordance |
| 22 | with applicable procedures for the handling |
| 23 | of classified information, provide reason- |
| 24 | able access to documents, statistical data, |
| 25 | and other such information that the Dep- |

1 uty Director, in consultation with the 2 chairperson of the Board of Advisors, determines necessary to carry out its func-3 4 tions under paragraph (6). "(ii) Obtaining classified infor-5 6 MATION.—If the Board of Advisors, acting 7 through the chairperson, seeks classified 8 information from a Federal department or 9 agency, the Deputy Director shall submit a 10 written request to the head of the Federal 11 department or agency for access to classified documents and statistical data, and 12 13 other classified information described in 14 clause (i), that is under the control of such 15 agency. "(C) FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTS.— 16 17 Each member of the Board of Advisors shall be 18 required to file a financial disclosure report 19 under title I of the Ethics in Government Act 20 of 1978, except that such reports shall be held 21 confidential and exempt from any law otherwise 22 requiring their public disclosure. 23 "(8) BOARD OF ADVISORS PERSONNEL AND 24 OPERATIONAL MATTERS.— 25 "(A) Compensation of members.—

| 1 | "(i) IN GENERAL.—A member of the |
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| 2 | Board of Advisors shall be compensated at |
| 3 | a rate equal to the daily equivalent of the |
| 4 | annual rate of basic pay prescribed for |
| 5 | level IV of the Executive Schedule under |
| 6 | section 5315 of title 5, United States |
| 7 | Code, for each day (including travel time) |
| 8 | during which the member is engaged in the |
| 9 | performance of the duties of the Board of |
| 10 | Advisors. |
| 11 | "(ii) NO FEDERAL EMPLOYEE MEM- |
| 12 | BERS.—No member of the Board of Advi- |
| 13 | sors may be an officer or employee of the |
| 14 | United States during the member's term |
| 15 | on the Board of Advisors. |
| 16 | "(B) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member of |
| 17 | the Board of Advisors shall be allowed travel |
| 18 | expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsist- |
| 19 | ence, at rates authorized for employees of agen- |
| 20 | cies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, |
| 21 | United States Code, while away from their |
| 22 | home or regular places of business in the per- |
| 23 | formance of services for the Board of Advisors. |
| 24 | "(C) STAFF.—The Deputy Director, in |
| 25 | consultation with the chairperson of the Board |
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| 1 | of Advisors, shall assign an employee of the |
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| 2 | Foundation to serve as an executive director for |
| 3 | the Board of Advisors. |
| 4 | "(D) Government employees.— |
| 5 | "(i) IN GENERAL.—Any Federal Gov- |
| 6 | ernment employee may be detailed to the |
| 7 | Board of Advisors without reimbursement, |
| 8 | and such detail shall be without interrup- |
| 9 | tion or loss of civil service status or privi- |
| 10 | lege. |
| 11 | "(ii) Employees of the legisla- |
| 12 | TIVE BRANCH.—The Deputy Director shall |
| 13 | establish procedures and policies to enable |
| 14 | an employee of an office, agency, or other |
| 15 | entity in the legislative branch of the Gov- |
| 16 | ernment to support the activities of the |
| 17 | Board of Advisors. |
| 18 | "(E) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND |
| 19 | INTERMITTENT SERVICES.—The chairperson of |
| 20 | the Board of Advisors, with approval from the |
| 21 | Deputy Director, may procure temporary and |
| 22 | intermittent services under section 3109(b) of |
| 23 | title 5, United States Code, at rates for individ- |
| 24 | uals which do not exceed the daily equivalent of |
| 25 | the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level |
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| 1 | V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 |
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| 2 | of that title. |
| 3 | "(F) Assistance from federal agen- |
| 4 | CIES.—A Federal department or agency may |
| 5 | provide to the Board of Advisors such services, |
| 6 | funds, facilities, staff, and other support serv- |
| 7 | ices as the department or agency may deter- |
| 8 | mine advisable and as may be authorized by |
| 9 | law. |
| 10 | "(9) PERMANENT BOARD.—Section 14 of the |
| 11 | Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) |
| 12 | shall not apply to the Board of Advisors. |
| 13 | "(e) Areas of Funding Support.—Subject to the |
| 14 | availability of funds under subsection (f), the Director |
| 15 | shall, for each fiscal year, use— |
| 16 | "(1) not less than 35 percent of funds provided |
| 17 | to the Directorate for such year to carry out sub- |
| 18 | section $(c)(6);$ |
| 19 | ((2) not less than 15 percent of such funds to |
| 20 | carry out subsection $(c)(5)$ with the goal of award- |
| 21 | ing, across the key technology focus areas— |
| 22 | "(A) not fewer than $1,000$ post-doctorate |
| 23 | fellowships; |
| 24 | "(B) not fewer than 2,000 graduate fellow- |
| 25 | ships and traineeships; |

| 1 | "(C) not fewer than 1,000 undergraduate |
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| 2 | scholarships; and |
| 3 | "(D) if funds remain after carrying out |
| 4 | subparagraphs (A) through (C), grants to insti- |
| 5 | tutions of higher education to enable the insti- |
| 6 | tutions to fund the development and establish- |
| 7 | ment of new or specialized courses of education |
| 8 | for graduate, undergraduate, or technical col- |
| 9 | lege students; |
| 10 | "(3) not less than 5 percent of such funds to |
| 11 | carry out subsection $(c)(7)$; |
| 12 | ((4) not less than 10 percent of such funds to |
| 13 | carry out subsection $(c)(8)$ by establishing and |
| 14 | equipping test beds and fabrication facilities; and |
| 15 | ((5) not less than 15 percent of such funds to |
| 16 | carry out research and related activities pursuant to |
| 17 | subclauses (I) and (II) of subsection $(c)(3)(A)(ii)$. |
| 18 | "(f) Authorization of Appropriations.— |
| 19 | "(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be |
| 20 | appropriated for the Directorate, in addition to any |
| 21 | other funds made available to the Directorate, a |
| 22 | total of $$100,000,000$ for fiscal years 2021 |
| 23 | through 2025, of which— |
| 24 | "(A) \$2,000,000,000 is authorized for fis- |
| 25 | cal year 2021; |

| 1 | "(B) \$8,000,000,000 is authorized for fis- |
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| 2 | cal year 2022; |
| 3 | "(C) \$20,000,000,000 is authorized for fis- |
| 4 | cal year 2023; |
| 5 | "(D) \$35,000,000,000 is authorized for |
| 6 | fiscal year 2024; and |
| 7 | "(E) \$35,000,000,000 is authorized for |
| 8 | fiscal year 2025. |
| 9 | "(2) Appropriations limitations.— |
| 10 | "(A) HOLD HARMLESS.—No funds shall be |
| 11 | appropriated to the Directorate or to carry out |
| 12 | this section for any fiscal year in which the |
| 13 | total amount appropriated to the Foundation |
| 14 | (not including amounts appropriated for the Di- |
| 15 | rectorate) is less than the total amount appro- |
| 16 | priated to the Foundation (not including such |
| 17 | amounts), adjusted by the rate of inflation, for |
| 18 | the previous fiscal year. |
| 19 | "(B) NO TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—The Di- |
| 20 | rector shall not transfer any funds appropriated |
| 21 | to any other directorate or office of the Foun- |
| 22 | dation to the Directorate.". |
| 23 | (d) Annual Report on Unfunded Priorities.— |
| 24 | (1) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 10 days |
| 25 | after the date on which the budget of the President |

| 1 | for a fiscal year is submitted to Congress pursuant |
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| 2 | to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, the |
| 3 | Director shall submit to the President and to Con- |
| 4 | gress a report on the unfunded priorities of the Na- |
| 5 | tional Science and Technology Foundation. |
| 6 | (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted under |
| 7 | paragraph (1) shall provide— |
| 8 | (A) for each directorate of the National |
| 9 | Science Foundation for the most recent, fully |
| 10 | completed fiscal year— |
| 11 | (i) the proposal success rate; |
| 12 | (ii) the percentage of proposals that |
| 13 | were not funded and that met the criteria |
| 14 | for funding; and |
| 15 | (iii) the most promising research |
| 16 | areas covered by proposals described in |
| 17 | clause (ii); and |
| 18 | (B) a list, in order of priority, of the next |
| 19 | activities that should be undertaken in the |
| 20 | Major Research Equipment and Facilities Con- |
| 21 | struction account. |
| 22 | SEC. 4. REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY HUB PROGRAM. |
| 23 | (a) DEFINITIONS.— |
| 24 | (1) Key technology focus areas.—Sub- |
| 25 | section (a) of section 27 of the Stevenson-Wydler |

| 1 | Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. |
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| 2 | 3722) is amended— |
| 3 | (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) |
| 4 | through (4) as paragraphs (3) through (5), re- |
| 5 | spectively; and |
| 6 | (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the |
| 7 | following: |
| 8 | "(2) Key technology focus areas.—The |
| 9 | term 'key technology focus areas' means the areas |
| 10 | included on the most recent list under section |
| 11 | 8A(c)(2) of the Act of May 10, 1950 (64 Stat. 149, |
| 12 | chapter 171; 42 U.S.C. 1861 et seq.).". |
| 13 | (2) VENTURE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZA- |
| 14 | TIONS.—Paragraph (5) of such subsection, as redes- |
| 15 | ignated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, is |
| 16 | amended by striking "purposes of" and all that fol- |
| 17 | lows through the period at the end and inserting the |
| 18 | following: "purposes of— |
| 19 | "(A) accelerating the commercialization of |
| 20 | research; |
| 21 | "(B) strengthening the competitive posi- |
| 22 | tion of industry through the development, com- |
| 23 | mercial adoption, or deployment of technology; |

and

| 1 | "(C) providing financial grants, loans, or |
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| 2 | direct financial investment to commercialize |
| 3 | technology.". |
| 4 | (b) Designation of and Support for Regional |
| 5 | Technology Hubs as Part of Regional Innovation |
| 6 | PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.— |
| 7 | (1) IN GENERAL.—Such section is amended— |
| 8 | (A) by redesignating subsections (d) |
| 9 | through (h) as subsections (e) through (i), re- |
| 10 | spectively; and |
| 11 | (B) by inserting after subsection (c) the |
| 12 | following: |
| 13 | "(d) Designation of and Grants in Support of |
| 14 | REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY HUBS.— |
| 15 | "(1) Program required.— |
| 16 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—As part of the pro- |
| 17 | gram established under subsection (b), the Sec- |
| 18 | retary shall carry out a program— |
| 19 | "(i) to designate eligible consortia as |
| 20 | regional technology hubs that create the |
| 21 | conditions, within a region, to facilitate ac- |
| 22 | tivities that— |
| 23 | "(I) enable United States leader- |
| 24 | ship in a key technology focus area, |
| 25 | complementing the Federal research |

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| and development investments under |
| section 8A of the Act of May 10, |
| 1950 (64 Stat. 149, chapter 171; 42 |
| U.S.C. 1861 et seq.); and |
| "(II) support regional economic |
| development that diffuses innovation |
| capacity around the United States, |
| enabling better broad-based growth |
| and competitiveness in key technology |
| focus areas; and |
| "(ii) to support regional technology |
| hubs designated under clause (i). |
| "(B) ELIGIBLE CONSORTIA.—For purposes |
| of this section, an eligible consortium is a con- |
| sortium that— |
| "(i) includes— |
| "(I) an institution of higher edu- |
| cation; |
| "(II) a local or Tribal govern- |
| ment or other political subdivision of |
| a State; |
| "(III) a government of a State or |
| the economic development representa- |
| tive of a State; and |
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| 1 | "(IV) an economic development |
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| 2 | organization or similar entity that is |
| 3 | focused primarily on improving |
| 4 | science, technology, innovation, or en- |
| 5 | trepreneurship; and |
| 6 | "(ii) may include 1 or more— |
| 7 | "(I) nonprofit entities with rel- |
| 8 | evant expertise; |
| 9 | "(II) venture development orga- |
| 10 | nizations; |
| 11 | "(III) financial institutions; |
| 12 | "(IV) educational institutions, in- |
| 13 | cluding career and technical education |
| 14 | schools; |
| 15 | "(V) workforce training organiza- |
| 16 | tions; |
| 17 | "(VI) industry associations; |
| 18 | "(VII) firms in the key tech- |
| 19 | nology focus areas; |
| 20 | "(VIII) Federal laboratories; |
| 21 | "(IX) Centers (as defined in sec- |
| 22 | tion 25(a) of the National Institute of |
| 23 | Standards and Technology Act (15 |
| 24 | U.S.C. 278k(a))); |

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| 1 | "(X) Manufacturing USA insti- |
| 2 | tutes (as described in section 34(d) of |
| 3 | the National Institute of Standards |
| 4 | and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. |
| 5 | 278s(d))); and |
| 6 | "(XI) institutions receiving an |
| 7 | award under paragraph (6) or (7) of |
| 8 | section 8A(c) of the Act of May 10, |
| 9 | 1950 (64 Stat. 149, chapter 171; 42 |
| 10 | U.S.C. 1861 et seq.). |
| 11 | "(C) Administration.—The Secretary |
| 12 | shall carry out this subsection through the As- |
| 13 | sistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic |
| 14 | Development and the Under Secretary of Com- |
| 15 | merce for Standards and Technology, jointly. |
| 16 | "(2) Designation of regional technology |
| 17 | HUBS.— |
| 18 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall |
| 19 | use a competitive process for the designation of |
| 20 | regional technology hubs under paragraph |
| 21 | (1)(A)(i). |
| 22 | "(B) NUMBER OF REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY |
| 23 | HUBS.—During the 5-year period beginning on |
| 24 | the date of the enactment of the Endless Fron- |
| 25 | tier Act, the Secretary shall designate not fewer |
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| 1 | than 10 and not more than 15 eligible consortia |
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| 2 | as regional technology hubs under paragraph |
| 3 | (1)(A)(i). |
| 4 | "(C) Geographic distribution.—In |
| 5 | conducting the competitive process under sub- |
| 6 | paragraph (A), the Secretary shall ensure geo- |
| 7 | graphic distribution in the designation of re- |
| 8 | gional technology hubs— |
| 9 | "(i) aiming to designate regional tech- |
| 10 | nology hubs in as many regions of the |
| 11 | United States as possible; and |
| 12 | "(ii) focusing on localities that have |
| 13 | clear potential and relevant assets for de- |
| 14 | veloping a key technology focus area but |
| 15 | have not yet become leading technology |
| 16 | centers. |
| 17 | "(3) GRANTS.— |
| 18 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall |
| 19 | carry out clause (ii) of paragraph (1)(A) |
| 20 | through the award of grants to eligible con- |
| 21 | sortia designated under clause (i) of such para- |
| 22 | graph. |
| 23 | "(B) TERM.—Each grant awarded under |
| 24 | subparagraph (A) shall be for a period of 5 |

| 1 | years, but may be renewed once for an addi- |
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| 2 | tional period of 5 years. |
| 3 | "(C) Matching required.—The total |
| 4 | Federal financial assistance awarded in a given |
| 5 | year to an eligible consortium in support of the |
| 6 | eligible consortium's operation as a regional |
| 7 | technology hub under this subsection shall not |
| 8 | exceed amounts as follows: |
| 9 | "(i) In fiscal year 2021, 90 percent of |
| 10 | the total funding of the regional technology |
| 11 | hub in that fiscal year. |
| 12 | "(ii) In fiscal year 2022, 85 percent |
| 13 | of the total funding of the regional tech- |
| 14 | nology hub in that fiscal year. |
| 15 | "(iii) In fiscal year 2023, 80 percent |
| 16 | of the total funding of the regional tech- |
| 17 | nology hub in that fiscal year. |
| 18 | "(iv) In fiscal year 2024 and in each |
| 19 | fiscal year thereafter, 75 percent of the |
| 20 | total funding of the regional technology |
| 21 | hub in that fiscal year. |
| 22 | "(D) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—The recipi- |
| 23 | ent of a grant awarded under subparagraph (A) |
| 24 | shall use the grant for multiple activities deter- |

| 1 | mined appropriate by the Secretary, includ- |
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| 2 | ing- |
| 3 | "(i) the permissible activities set forth |
| 4 | under subsection $(c)(2)$; and |
| 5 | "(ii) activities in support of key tech- |
| 6 | nology focus areas— |
| 7 | "(I) to develop the region's |
| 8 | skilled workforce through the training |
| 9 | and retraining of workers and align- |
| 10 | ment of career technical training and |
| 11 | educational programs in the region's |
| 12 | elementary and secondary schools and |
| 13 | institutions of higher education; |
| 14 | "(II) to develop regional strate- |
| 15 | gies for infrastructure improvements |
| 16 | and site development in support of the |
| 17 | regional technology hub's plans and |
| 18 | programs; |
| 19 | "(III) to support business activ- |
| 20 | ity that develops the domestic supply |
| 21 | chain and encourages the creation of |
| 22 | new business entities; |
| 23 | "(IV) to attract new private, |
| 24 | public, and philanthropic investment |
| 25 | in the region for developing innovation |

| 1 | capacity, including establishing re- |
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| 2 | gional venture and loan funds for fi- |
| 3 | nancing technology commercialization, |
| 4 | new business formation, and business |
| 5 | expansions; |
| 6 | "(V) to further the development |
| 7 | of innovations in the key technology |
| 8 | focus areas, including innovations de- |
| 9 | rived from research conducted at in- |
| 10 | stitutions of higher education or other |
| 11 | research entities, including research |
| 12 | conducted by 1 or more university |
| 13 | technology centers established under |
| 14 | section $8A(c)(6)$ of the Act of May 10, |
| 15 | 1950 (64 Stat. 149, chapter 171; 42 |
| 16 | U.S.C. 1861 et seq.), through activi- |
| 17 | ties that may include— |
| 18 | "(aa) proof-of-concept devel- |
| 19 | opment and prototyping; |
| 20 | "(bb) public-private partner- |
| 21 | ships in order to reduce the cost, |
| 22 | time, and risk of commercializing |
| 23 | new technologies; |
| 24 | "(cc) creating and funding |
| 25 | competitions to allow entrepre- |

| 1 | neurial ideas from institutions of |
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| 2 | higher education to illustrate |
| 3 | their commercialization potential; |
| 4 | "(dd) facilitating mentor- |
| 5 | ships between local and national |
| 6 | business leaders and potential en- |
| 7 | trepreneurs to encourage success- |
| 8 | ful commercialization; |
| 9 | "(ee) creating and funding |
| 10 | for-profit or not-for-profit entities |
| 11 | that could enable researchers at |
| 12 | institutions of higher education |
| 13 | and other research entities to |
| 14 | further develop new technology |
| 15 | prior to seeking commercial fi- |
| 16 | nancing, through patient funding, |
| 17 | advice, staff support, or other |
| 18 | means; and |
| 19 | "(ff) providing facilities for |
| 20 | start-up companies where tech- |
| 21 | nology maturation could occur; |
| 22 | and |
| 23 | "(VI) to carry out such other ac- |
| 24 | tivities as the Secretary considers ap- |
| 25 | propriate to improve United States |
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| 1 | competitiveness and regional economic |
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| 2 | development to support a key tech- |
| 3 | nology focus area and that would fur- |
| 4 | ther the purposes of the Endless |
| 5 | Frontiers Act. |
| 6 | "(4) Applications.— |
| 7 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible consortium |
| 8 | seeking designation as a regional technology |
| 9 | hub under clause (i) of paragraph (1)(A) and |
| 10 | support under clause (ii) of such paragraph |
| 11 | shall submit to the Secretary an application |
| 12 | therefor at such time, in such manner, and con- |
| 13 | taining such information as the Secretary may |
| 14 | specify. |
| 15 | "(B) Consultation with National |
| 16 | SCIENCE FOUNDATION UNIVERSITY TECH- |
| 17 | NOLOGY CENTERS.—In preparing an applica- |
| 18 | tion for submittal under subparagraph (A), an |
| 19 | applicant shall, to the extent practicable, con- |
| 20 | sult with one or more university technology cen- |
| 21 | ters established under section $8A(c)(6)$ of the |
| 22 | Act of May 10, 1950 (64 Stat. 149, chapter |
| 23 | 171; 42 U.S.C. 1861 et seq.), that are either |
| 24 | geographically relevant or are conducting re- |
| 25 | search on relevant key technology focus areas. |
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| 1 | "(5) Considerations for designation and |
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| 2 | GRANT AWARDS.—In selecting an eligible consortium |
| 3 | that submitted an application under paragraph |
| 4 | (4)(A) for designation and support under paragraph |
| 5 | (1)(A), the Secretary shall consider, at a minimum, |
| 6 | the following: |
| 7 | "(A) The potential of the eligible consor- |
| 8 | tium to advance the development of new tech- |
| 9 | nologies in a key technology focus area. |
| 10 | "(B) The likelihood of positive regional |
| 11 | economic effect, including increasing the num- |
| 12 | ber of high wage jobs, and creating new eco- |
| 13 | nomic opportunities for economically disadvan- |
| 14 | taged populations. |
| 15 | "(C) How the eligible consortium plans to |
| 16 | integrate with and leverage the resources of one |
| 17 | or more university technology centers estab- |
| 18 | lished under section $8A(c)(6)$ of the Act of May |
| 19 | 10, 1950 (64 Stat. 149, chapter 171; 42 U.S.C. |
| 20 | 1861 et seq.), in a related key technology focus |
| 21 | area. |
| 22 | "(D) How the eligible consortium will en- |
| 23 | gage with the private sector, including small- |
| 24 | and medium-sized enterprises to commercialize |
| 25 | new technologies and develop new supply chains |

in the United States in a key technology focus area.

"(E) How the eligible consortium will carry out workforce development and skills acquisition programming, including through the use of apprenticeships, mentorships, and other related activities authorized by the Secretary, to support the development of a key technology focus area.

10 "(F) How the eligible consortium will im-11 prove science, technology, engineering, and 12 mathematics education programs in the identi-13 fied region in elementary and secondary school 14 and higher education institutions located in the 15 identified region to support the development of 16 a key technology focus area.

"(G) How the eligible consortium plans to
develop partnerships with venture development
organizations and sources of private investment
in support of private sector activity, including
launching new or expanding existing companies,
in a key technology focus area.

23 "(H) How the eligible consortium plans to
24 organize the activities of regional partners in
25 the public, private, and philanthropic sectors in

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| support of the proposed regional technology |
| hub, including the development of necessary in- |
| frastructure improvements and site preparation. |
| "(I) How the eligible consortium plans to |
| address economic inclusion, including ensuring |
| that skill development, entrepreneurial assist- |
| ance, and other activities focus on economically |
| disadvantaged populations. |
| "(6) Coordination with National Insti- |
| TUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY PRO- |
| GRAMS.— |
| "(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph: |
| "(i) MANUFACTURING EXTENSION |
| CENTER.—The term 'manufacturing exten- |
| sion center' has the meaning given the |
| term 'Center' in section 25(a) of the Na- |
| tional Institute of Standards and Tech- |
| nology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k(a). |
| "(ii) Manufacturing usa insti- |
| TUTE.—The term 'Manufacturing USA in- |
| stitute' means a Manufacturing USA insti- |
| tute described in section 34(d) of the Na- |
| tional Institute of Standards and Tech- |
| nology Act (15 U.S.C. 278s(d)). |
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| 1 | "(B) COORDINATION REQUIRED.—The |
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| 2 | Secretary shall coordinate the activities of re- |
| 3 | gional technology hubs designated under this |
| 4 | subsection, the Hollings Manufacturing Exten- |
| 5 | sion Partnership, and the Manufacturing USA |
| 6 | Program with each other to the degree that |
| 7 | doing so does not diminish the effectiveness of |
| 8 | the ongoing activities of a manufacturing exten- |
| 9 | sion center or a Manufacturing USA institute. |
| 10 | "(C) CONDITION OF SUPPORT.—In order |
| 11 | to coordinate activities under subparagraph |
| 12 | (B), the Secretary may condition the award of |
| 13 | a grant or support under this subsection or sec- |
| 14 | tion 25 or 34 of the National Institute of |
| 15 | Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k |
| 16 | and 278s) upon submittal to the coordination |
| 17 | efforts of the Secretary under subparagraph |
| 18 | (B) of this paragraph. |
| 19 | "(D) ELEMENTS.—Coordination by the |
| 20 | Secretary under subparagraph (B) may include |
| 21 | the following: |
| 22 | "(i) The alignment of activities of the |
| 23 | Hollings Manufacturing Extension Part- |
| 24 | nership with the activities of regional tech- |
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| 1 | nology hubs designated under this sub- |
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| 2 | section, if applicable. |
| 3 | "(ii) The alignment of activities of the |
| 4 | Manufacturing USA Program and the |
| 5 | Manufacturing USA institutes with the ac- |
| 6 | tivities of regional technology hubs des- |
| 7 | ignated under this subsection, if applicable. |
| 8 | "(7) INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION.—In as- |
| 9 | sisting regional technology hubs designated under |
| 10 | paragraph (1)(A)(i), the Secretary— |
| 11 | "(A) shall collaborate with Federal depart- |
| 12 | ments and agencies whose missions contribute |
| 13 | to the goals of the regional technology hub; |
| 14 | "(B) may accept funds from other Federal |
| 15 | agencies to support grants and activities under |
| 16 | this subsection; and |
| 17 | "(C) may establish interagency agreements |
| 18 | with other Federal departments or agencies to |
| 19 | provide preferential consideration for financial |
| 20 | or technical assistance to a regional technology |
| 21 | hub designated under this subsection if all ap- |
| 22 | plicable requirements for the financial or tech- |
| 23 | nical assistance are met. |
| 24 | "(8) Performance measurement, trans- |
| 25 | PARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY.— |

| 1 | "(A) METRICS, STANDARDS, AND ASSESS- |
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| 2 | MENT.—For each grant awarded under para- |
| 3 | graph (3) for a regional technology hub, the |
| 4 | Secretary shall— |
| 5 | "(i) develop metrics to assess the ef- |
| 6 | fectiveness of the activities funded in mak- |
| 7 | ing progress toward the purposes set forth |
| 8 | under paragraph $(1)(A)$; |
| 9 | "(ii) establish standards for the per- |
| 10 | formance of the regional technology hub |
| 11 | that are based on the metrics developed |
| 12 | under clause (i); and |
| 13 | "(iii) 2 years after the initial award |
| 14 | under paragraph (3) and each year there- |
| 15 | after until Federal financial assistance |
| 16 | under this subsection for the regional tech- |
| 17 | nology hub is discontinued, conduct an as- |
| 18 | sessment of the regional technology hub to |
| 19 | confirm whether the performance of the re- |
| 20 | gional technology hub is meeting the |
| 21 | standards for performance established |
| 22 | under clause (ii). |
| 23 | "(B) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not less fre- |
| 24 | quently than once each year, the Secretary shall |
| 25 | submit to the Committee on Commerce, |

| 1 | Science, and Transportation of the Senate, the |
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| 2 | Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, the |
| 3 | Committee on Science, Space, and Technology |
| 4 | of the House of Representatives, and the Com- |
| 5 | mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep- |
| 6 | resentatives an annual report on the results of |
| 7 | the assessments conducted by the Secretary |
| 8 | under subparagraph (A)(iii) during the period |
| 9 | covered by the report.". |
| 10 | (2) INITIAL DESIGNATIONS AND AWARDS.— |
| 11 | (A) COMPETITION REQUIRED.—Not later |
| 12 | than 180 days after the date of the enactment |
| 13 | of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce shall |
| 14 | commence a competition under paragraph |
| 15 | (2)(A) of section 27(d) of the Stevenson-Wydler |
| 16 | Technology Innovation Act of 1980, as added |
| 17 | by paragraph (1). |
| 18 | (B) DESIGNATION AND AWARD.—Not later |
| 19 | than 1 year after the date of the enactment of |
| 20 | this Act, if the Secretary has received at least |
| 21 | 1 application under paragraph (4) of such sec- |
| 22 | tion from an eligible consortium whom the Sec- |
| 23 | retary considers suitable for designation under |
| 24 | paragraph (1)(A)(i) of such section, the Sec- |
| 25 | retary shall— |
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| 1 | (i) designate at least 1 regional tech- |
| 2 | nology hub under paragraph (1)(A)(i) of |
| 3 | such section; and |
| 4 | (ii) award a grant under paragraph |
| 5 | (3)(A) of such section to each regional |
| 6 | technology hub designated under clause (i) |
| 7 | of this subparagraph. |
| 8 | (c) Authorization of Appropriations.—Sub- |
| 9 | section (i) of such section, as redesignated by subsection |
| 10 | (c)(1)(A) of this section, is amended— |
| 11 | (1) by striking "From amounts" and inserting |
| 12 | the following: |
| 13 | "(1) IN GENERAL.—From amounts"; |
| 14 | (2) in paragraph (1) , as redesignated by para- |
| 15 | graph (1) of this subsection, by striking "this sec- |
| 16 | tion" and inserting "the provisions of this section |
| 17 | other than subsection (d)"; and |
| 18 | (3) by adding at the end the following: |
| 19 | "(2) Regional technology hubs.—There is |
| 20 | authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to |
| 21 | carry out subsection (d) $10,000,000,000$ for the pe- |
| 22 | riod of fiscal year 2021 through 2025.". |
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| 1 | SEC. 5. STRATEGY AND REPORT ON ECONOMIC SECURITY, |
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| 2 | SCIENCE, RESEARCH, AND INNOVATION TO |
| 3 | SUPPORT THE NATIONAL SECURITY STRAT- |
| 4 | EGY. |
| 5 | (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section: |
| 6 | (1) Appropriate committees of con- |
| 7 | GRESS.—The term "appropriate committees of Con- |
| 8 | gress" means— |
| 9 | (A) the Committee on Appropriations, the |
| 10 | Committee on Armed Services, the Committee |
| 11 | on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the |
| 12 | Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans- |
| 13 | portation, the Committee on Energy and Nat- |
| 14 | ural Resources, the Committee on Finance, the |
| 15 | Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Select |
| 16 | Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and |
| 17 | (B) the Committee on Appropriations, the |
| 18 | Committee on Armed Services, the Committee |
| 19 | on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on |
| 20 | Financial Services, the Committee on Foreign |
| 21 | Affairs, the Committee on Ways and Means, |
| 22 | and the Permanent Select Committee on Intel- |
| 23 | ligence of the House of Representatives. |
| 24 | (2) Key technology focus area.—The term |
| 25 | "key technology focus area" means an area included |
| 26 | on the most recent list under section $8A(c)(2)$ of the |
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Act of May 10, 1950 (64 Stat. 149, chapter 171; 42
 U.S.C. 1861 et seq.).

3 (3) NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY.—The term
4 "national security strategy" means the national se5 curity strategy required by section 108 of the Na6 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3043).

7 (b) Strategy and Report.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—In 2021 and in each year 9 thereafter before the applicable date set forth under 10 paragraph (2), the Director of the Office of Science 11 and Technology Policy, in coordination with the Di-12 rector of the National Economic Council, the Direc-13 tor of the National Science Foundation, the Sec-14 retary of Commerce, the National Security Council, 15 and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, 16 shall—

17 (A) review such strategy, programs, and
18 resources as the Director of the Office of
19 Science and Technology Policy determines per20 tain to United States national competitiveness
21 in science, research, and innovation to support
22 the national security strategy;

(B) develop a strategy for the Federal
Government to improve the national competitiveness of the United States in science, re-

| 1 | search, and innovation to support the national |
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| 2 | security strategy; and |
| 3 | (C) submit to the appropriate committees |
| 4 | of Congress— |
| 5 | (i) a report on the findings of the Di- |
| 6 | rector with respect to the review conducted |
| 7 | under paragraph (1); and |
| 8 | (ii) the strategy developed or revised |
| 9 | under paragraph (2). |
| 10 | (2) Applicable dates.—In each year, the ap- |
| 11 | plicable date set forth under this paragraph is as fol- |
| 12 | lows: |
| 13 | (A) In 2021, December 31, 2021. |
| 14 | (B) In 2022 and every year thereafter— |
| 15 | (i) in any year in which a new Presi- |
| 16 | dent is inaugurated, October 1 of that |
| 17 | year; and |
| 18 | (ii) in any other year, the date that is |
| 19 | 90 days after the date of the transmission |
| 20 | to Congress in that year of the national se- |
| 21 | curity strategy. |
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| 22 | (c) ELEMENTS.— |
| 22 23 | (c) ELEMENTS.— (1) REPORT.—Each report submitted under |

| 1 | (A) An assessment of public and private |
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| 2 | investment in civilian and military science and |
| 3 | technology and its implications for the |
| 4 | geostrategic position and national security of |
| 5 | the United States. |
| 6 | (B) A description of the prioritized eco- |
| 7 | nomic security interests and objectives of the |
| 8 | United States relating to science, research, and |
| 9 | innovation and an assessment of how invest- |
| 10 | ment in civilian and military science and tech- |
| 11 | nology can advance those objectives. |
| 12 | (C) An assessment of how regional efforts |
| 13 | are contributing and could contribute to the in- |
| 14 | novation capacity of the United States, includ- |
| 15 | ing— |
| 16 | (i) programs run by State and local |
| 17 | governments; and |
| 18 | (ii) regional factors that are contrib- |
| 19 | uting or could contribute positively to inno- |
| 20 | vation. |
| 21 | (D) An assessment of barriers to competi- |
| 22 | tiveness in key technology focus areas and bar- |
| 23 | riers to the development and evolution of start- |
| 24 | ups, small and mid-sized business entities, and |
| 25 | industries in key technology focus areas. |

1 (E) An assessment of the effectiveness of 2 the Federal Government, federally funded re-3 search and development centers, and national 4 labs in supporting and promoting technology 5 commercialization and technology transfer, in-6 cluding an assessment of the adequacy of Fed-7 eral research and development funding in pro-8 moting competitiveness and the development of 9 new technologies. (F) An assessment of manufacturing ca-10 11 pacity, logistics, and supply chain dynamics of 12 major export sectors, including access to a 13 skilled workforce, physical infrastructure, and 14 broadband network infrastructure. 15 (2)STRATEGY.—Each strategy submitted 16 under subsection (b)(1)(C)(ii) shall include the fol-17 lowing: 18 (A) A plan to utilize available tools to ad-19 dress or minimize the leading threats and chal-20 lenges and to take advantage of the leading op-21 portunities, including the following: 22 (i) Specific objectives, tasks, metrics, 23

and milestones for each relevant Federal agency.

| 1 | (ii) Specific plans to support public |
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| 2 | and private sector investment in research, |
| 3 | technology development, and domestic |
| 4 | manufacturing in key technology focus |
| 5 | areas supportive of the national economic |
| 6 | competitiveness of the United States and |
| 7 | to foster the prudent use of public-private |
| 8 | partnerships. |
| 9 | (iii) Specific plans to promote environ- |
| 10 | mental stewardship and fair competition |
| 11 | for United States workers. |
| 12 | (iv) A description of— |
| 13 | (I) how the strategy submitted |
| 14 | under subsection $(b)(3)(B)$ supports |
| 15 | the national security strategy; and |
| 16 | (II) how the strategy submitted |
| 17 | under such subsection is integrated |
| 18 | and coordinated with the most recent |
| 19 | national defense strategy under sec- |
| 20 | tion 113(g) of title 10, United States |
| 21 | Code. |
| 22 | (v) A plan to encourage the govern- |
| 23 | ments of countries that are allies or part- |
| 24 | ners of the United States to cooperate with |
| 25 | the execution of the strategy submitted |
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| 1 | under subsection $(b)(3)(B)$, where appro- |
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| 2 | priate. |
| 3 | (vi) A plan to encourage certain inter- |
| 4 | national and multilateral organizations to |
| 5 | support the implementation of such strat- |
| 6 | egy. |
| 7 | (vii) A plan for how the United States |
| 8 | should develop local and regional capacity |
| 9 | for building innovation ecosystems across |
| 10 | the nation by providing Federal support. |
| 11 | (viii) A plan for strengthening the in- |
| 12 | dustrial base of the United States. |
| 13 | (B) An identification of additional re- |
| 14 | sources, administrative action, or legislative ac- |
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| 15 | tion recommended to assist with the implemen- |
| 15 16 | tion recommended to assist with the implemen- tation of such strategy. |
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| 16 | tation of such strategy. |
| 16 17 | tation of such strategy. (d) Form of Reports and Strategies.—Each re- |
| 16 17 18 | tation of such strategy. (d) FORM OF REPORTS AND STRATEGIES.—Each re- port and strategy submitted under subsection (b) shall be |
| 16 17 18 19 | tation of such strategy. (d) FORM OF REPORTS AND STRATEGIES.—Each re- port and strategy submitted under subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classi- |
| 16 17 18 19 20 | tation of such strategy. (d) FORM OF REPORTS AND STRATEGIES.—Each re- port and strategy submitted under subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classi- fied annex. |
| 16 17 18 19 20 21 | tation of such strategy. (d) FORM OF REPORTS AND STRATEGIES.—Each re- port and strategy submitted under subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classi- fied annex. SEC. 6. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS. |

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(1) in section 2(a)(5) (42 U.S.C. 1862h(a)(5)),
 by striking "National Science Foundation" and in serting "National Science and Technology Founda tion"; and

5 (2) in section 3 (42 U.S.C. 1862i), by striking
6 "National Science Foundation" each place the term
7 appears and inserting "National Science and Tech8 nology Foundation".

9 (b) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AUTHORIZA10 TION ACT OF 1998.—The National Science Foundation
11 Authorization Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 1862k et seq.) is
12 amended—

(1) in each of paragraphs (1) and (2) of section
2 (112 Stat. 869), by striking "National Science
Foundation established" and inserting "National
Science and Technology Foundation established";
and

18 (2) in section 101(a)(6) (42 U.S.C.
19 1862k(a)(6)), by striking "National Science Founda20 tion" each place the term appears and inserting
21 "National Science and Technology Foundation".

(c) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2002.—The National Science Foundation
Authorization Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 1862n et seq.) is
amended—

| 1 | (1) in section 2 (42 U.S.C. $1862n$ note), by |
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| 2 | striking "National Science Foundation" each place |
| 3 | the term appears and inserting "National Science |
| 4 | and Technology Foundation''; |
| 5 | (2) in each of paragraphs (4) and (7) of section |
| 6 | 4 (42 U.S.C. 1862n note), by striking "National |
| 7 | Science Foundation established" and inserting "Na- |
| 8 | tional Science and Technology Foundation estab- |
| 9 | lished"; and |
| 10 | (3) in section 10A (42 U.S.C. 1862n–1a)— |
| 11 | (A) in the section heading, by inserting |
| 12 | "AND TECHNOLOGY" after "NATIONAL |
| 13 | SCIENCE''; |
| 14 | (B) in the subsection heading of subsection |
| 15 | (e), by inserting "AND TECHNOLOGY" after |
| 16 | "NATIONAL SCIENCE"; and |
| 17 | (C) by striking "National Science Founda- |
| 18 | tion" each place the term appears and inserting |
| 19 | "National Science and Technology Founda- |
| 20 | tion". |
| 21 | (d) AMERICA COMPETES ACT.—The America |
| 22 | COMPETES Act (Public Law 110–69; 121 Stat. 572) is |
| 23 | amended— |
| 24 | (1) in each of sections $1006(c)(1)(K)$ (15) |
| 25 | U.S.C. 3718(c)(1)(K)), 4001 (33 U.S.C. 893), and |
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| 1 | 5003(b)(1), by striking "National Science Founda- |
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| 2 | tion" and inserting "National Science and Tech- |
| 3 | nology Foundation''; |
| 4 | (2) in section 7001(5) (42 U.S.C. 18620 note), |
| 5 | by striking "National Science Foundation" and in- |
| 6 | serting "National Science and Technology Founda- |
| 7 | tion"; and |
| 8 | (3) in the title heading for title VII, by insert- |
| 9 | ing "AND TECHNOLOGY" after "NA- |
| 10 | TIONAL SCIENCE". |
| 11 | (e) NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, |
| 12 | Organization, and Priorities Act of 1976.—The Na- |
| 13 | tional Science and Technology Policy, Organization, and |
| 14 | Priorities Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6601 et seq.) is amend- |
| 15 | ed— |
| 16 | (1) in section $205(b)(2)$ (42 U.S.C. |
| 17 | 6614(b)(2)), by striking "National Science Founda- |
| 18 | tion" and inserting "National Science and Tech- |
| 19 | nology Foundation"; and |
| 20 | (2) in section 206 (42 U.S.C. 6615), by striking |
| 21 | "National Science Foundation" each place the term |
| 22 | appears and inserting "National Science and Tech- |
| 23 | nology Foundation". |
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24 (f) AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION ACT25 OF 2010.—The America COMPETES Reauthorization

| 1 | Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-358; 124 Stat. 3982) is |
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| 2 | amended— |
| 3 | (1) in the subtitle heading of subtitle A of title |
| 4 | V, by inserting "and Technology" after "Na- |
| 5 | tional Science''; |
| 6 | (2) in section 502 (42 U.S.C. 1862p note)— |
| 7 | (A) in paragraph (1), by striking "Na- |
| 8 | tional Science Foundation" and inserting "Na- |
| 9 | tional Science and Technology Foundation"; |
| 10 | and |
| 11 | (B) in paragraph (3), by striking "Na- |
| 12 | tional Science Foundation established" and in- |
| 13 | serting "National Science and Technology |
| 14 | Foundation established"; |
| 15 | (3) in the section heading of section 506 (42) |
| 16 | U.S.C. 1862p–1), by inserting "AND TECH- |
| 17 | NOLOGY" after "NATIONAL SCIENCE"; |
| 18 | (4) in section 517 (42 U.S.C. 1862p–9)— |
| 19 | (A) in paragraph (2) of subsection (a), by |
| 20 | striking "National Science Foundation" each |
| 21 | place the term appears and inserting "National |
| 22 | Science and Technology Foundation"; and |
| 23 | (B) in each of subsections (a)(4), (b), and |
| 24 | (c)(2), by striking "National Science Founda- |

| 1 | tion" and inconting "National Science and |
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| | tion" and inserting "National Science and |
| 2 | Technology Foundation"; |
| 3 | (5) in section 518 (124 Stat. 4015), by striking |
| 4 | "Foundation." and inserting "and Technology Foun- |
| 5 | dation."; |
| 6 | (6) in section 519 (124 Stat. 4015)— |
| 7 | (A) in the section heading, by inserting |
| 8 | "AND TECHNOLOGY" after "NATIONAL |
| 9 | SCIENCE''; and |
| 10 | (B) by striking "National Science Founda- |
| 11 | tion" each place the term appears and inserting |
| 12 | "National Science and Technology Founda- |
| 13 | tion"; |
| 14 | (7) in section 520 (42 U.S.C. 1862p–10)— |
| 15 | (A) by striking "National Science Founda- |
| 16 | tion" each place the term appears and inserting |
| 17 | "National Science and Technology Founda- |
| 18 | tion"; and |
| 19 | (B) in the subsection heading of subsection |
| 20 | (b), by striking "NSF" and inserting "NSTF"; |
| 21 | (8) in section 522 (42 U.S.C. 1862p–11)— |
| 22 | (A) in the section heading, by striking |
| 23 | " NSF " and inserting " NSTF "; and |
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(B) by striking "National Science Founda tion" and inserting "National Science and
 Technology Foundation";
 (9) in section 524 (42 U.S.C. 1862p-12), by
 striking "National Science Foundation" each place
 the term appears and inserting "National Science
 and Technology Foundation"; and

8 (10) in section 555(5) (20 U.S.C. 9905(5)), by
9 inserting "and Technology" after "National
10 Science".

(g) STEM EDUCATION ACT OF 2015.—Each of sections 2 and 3 of the STEM Education Act of 2015 (42
U.S.C. 6621 note; 1862q) are amended by striking "National Science Foundation" and inserting "National
Science and Technology Foundation".

(h) RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AND ADVANCEMENTS
FOR DYSLEXIA ACT.—The Research Excellence and Advancements for Dyslexia Act (Public Law 114–124; 130
Stat. 120) is amended by striking "National Science" each
place the term appears and inserting "National Science
and Technology".

(i) AMERICAN INNOVATION AND COMPETITIVENESS
ACT.—The American Innovation and Competitiveness Act
(42 U.S.C. 1862s et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 2 (42 U.S.C. 1862 note), by in serting "and Technology" after "National Science";
 and

4 (2) in section 601(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 1862s5 8(a)(1)), by striking "National Science" each place
6 the term appears and inserting "National Science
7 and Technology".

(j) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AUTHORIZA7 TION ACT, 1976.—The National Science Foundation Au10 thorization Act, 1976 (Public Law 94–86) is amended—
(1) in section 2(b) (42 U.S.C. 1869a), by strik12 ing "National Science Foundation" each place the
13 term appears and inserting "National Science and
14 Technology Foundation"; and

15 (2) in section 6(a) (42 U.S.C. 1881a(a)), by 16 striking "National Science Foundation" and insert-17 ing "National Science and Technology Foundation". 18 (k) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AUTHORIZA-19 TION ACT, 1977.—Section 8 of the National Science 20 Foundation Authorization Act, 1977 (42 U.S.C. 1883) is 21 amended by striking "National Science Foundation" each 22 place the term appears and inserting "National Science 23 and Technology Foundation".

24 (1) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AUTHORIZA-25 TION ACT, FISCAL YEAR 1978.—Section 8 of the National

Science Foundation Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1978
 (42 U.S.C. 1869b) is amended by inserting "and Tech nology" after "National Science".

4 (m) ACT OF AUGUST 25, 1959.—The first section of 5 the Act of August 25, 1959 (42 U.S.C. 1880), is amended by inserting "and Technology" after "National Science". 6 7 (n) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AUTHORIZA-8 TION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1980.—Section 9 of the Na-9 tional Science Foundation Authorization Act for Fiscal 10 Year 1980 (42 U.S.C. 1882) is amended by striking "National Science Foundation" each place the term appears 11 and inserting "National Science and Technology Founda-12 13 tion".

(o) NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005.—Section 721 of
the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 1886a) is amended
by striking "The National Science Foundation" and inserting "The National Science and Technology Foundation".

(p) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1986.—Section 108 of the
National Science Foundation Authorization Act for Fiscal
Year 1986 (42 U.S.C. 1886) is amended by inserting "and
Technology" after "National Science".

| 1 | (q) NATIONAL QUANTUM INITIATIVE ACT.—The Na- |
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| 2 | tional Quantum Initiative Act (Public Law 115–368) is |
| 3 | amended— |
| 4 | (1) in the table of contents in section 2, by |
| 5 | striking the item relating to title III and inserting |
| 6 | the following: |
| | "TITLE III—NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION QUANTUM ACTIVITIES"; |
| 7 | (2) in section $102(a)(2)(A)$ (15 U.S.C. |
| 8 | 8812(a)(2)(A)), by inserting "and Technology" after |
| 9 | "National Science"; |
| 10 | (3) in section 103 (15 U.S.C. 8813), by striking |
| 11 | "National Science Foundation" each place the term |
| 12 | appears and inserting "National Science and Tech- |
| 13 | nology Foundation"; |
| 14 | (4) in the title heading for title III, by inserting |
| 15 | "AND TECHNOLOGY" after "NATIONAL |
| 16 | SCIENCE"; and |
| 17 | (5) in each of sections 301 and 302 (15 U.S.C. |
| 18 | 8841, 8842), by striking "National Science Founda- |
| 19 | tion" each place the term appears and inserting |
| 20 | "National Science and Technology Foundation". |
| 21 | (r) Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2014.— |
| 22 | The Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2014 (15 U.S.C. |
| 23 | 7421 et seq.) is amended— |

| 1 | (1) in section 201 (15 U.S.C. 7431), by striking |
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| 2 | "National Science Foundation" each place the term |
| 3 | appears and inserting "National Science and Tech- |
| 4 | nology Foundation"; and |
| 5 | (2) in each of sections 301 and 302 (15 U.S.C. |
| 6 | 7441, 7442), by striking "National Science Founda- |
| 7 | tion" each place the term appears and inserting |
| 8 | "National Science and Technology Foundation". |
| 9 | (s) High-Performance Computing Act of |
| 10 | 1991.—The High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 |
| 11 | (15 U.S.C. 5501 et seq.) is amended— |
| 12 | (1) in section $101(a)(3)(C)(xi)$ 15 U.S.C. |
| 13 | 5511(a)(3)(C)(xi)), by inserting "and Technology" |
| 14 | after "National Science"; and |
| 15 | (2) in section 201 (15 U.S.C. 5521)— |
| 16 | (A) in the section heading, by inserting |
| 17 | "AND TECHNOLOGY" after "NATIONAL |
| 18 | SCIENCE "; and |
| 19 | (B) by striking "National Science Founda- |
| 20 | tion" each place the term appears and inserting |
| 21 | "National Science and Technology Founda- |
| 22 | tion". |
| 23 | (t) Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984.— |
| 24 | The Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. |
| 25 | 4101 et seq.) is amended— |
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| 1 | (1) in each of sections $102(b)(3)$ and $103(b)(1)$ |
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| 2 | (15 U.S.C. 4101(b)(3), 4102(b)(1)), by inserting |
| 3 | "and Technology" after "National Science"; and |
| 4 | (2) in section 107 (15 U.S.C. 4106)— |
| 5 | (A) in the subsection heading of subsection |
| 6 | (a), by inserting "AND TECHNOLOGY" after |
| 7 | "NATIONAL SCIENCE"; and |
| 8 | (B) by striking "National Science Founda- |
| 9 | tion" each place the term appears and inserting |
| 10 | "National Science and Technology Founda- |
| 11 | tion". |
| 12 | (u) Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation |
| 13 | Act of 1980.—The Stevenson-Wydler Technology Inno- |
| 14 | vation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) is amended— |
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| 15 | (1) in each of sections $4(5)$, $5(a)(2)(A)$, 20, and |
| 15 16 | (1) in each of sections 4(5), 5(a)(2)(A), 20, and21(d) (15 U.S.C. 3703(5), 3704(a)(2)(A), 3712, and |
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| 16 | 21(d) (15 U.S.C. 3703(5), 3704(a)(2)(A), 3712, and |
| 16 17 | 21(d) (15 U.S.C. 3703(5), 3704(a)(2)(A), 3712, and 3713(d)), by inserting "and Technology" after "Na- |
| 16 17 18 | 21(d) (15 U.S.C. 3703(5), 3704(a)(2)(A), 3712, and 3713(d)), by inserting "and Technology" after "National Science"; |
| 16 17 18 19 | 21(d) (15 U.S.C. 3703(5), 3704(a)(2)(A), 3712, and 3713(d)), by inserting "and Technology" after "National Science"; (2) in section 9 (15 U.S.C. 3707)— |
| 16 17 18 19 20 | 21(d) (15 U.S.C. 3703(5), 3704(a)(2)(A), 3712, and 3713(d)), by inserting "and Technology" after "National Science"; (2) in section 9 (15 U.S.C. 3707)— (A) in the section heading, by inserting |
| 16 17 18 19 20 21 | 21(d) (15 U.S.C. 3703(5), 3704(a)(2)(A), 3712, and 3713(d)), by inserting "and Technology" after "National Science"; (2) in section 9 (15 U.S.C. 3707)— (A) in the section heading, by inserting "AND TECHNOLOGY" after "NATIONAL |

| 1 | serting "National Science and Technology |
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| 2 | Foundation"; and |
| 3 | (C) in subsection (c)— |
| 4 | (i) by striking "National Science |
| 5 | Foundation in" and inserting "National |
| 6 | Science and Technology Foundation in"; |
| 7 | and |
| 8 | (ii) by striking "National Science |
| 9 | Foundation under" and inserting "Na- |
| 10 | tional Science and Technology Foundation |
| 11 | under"; and |
| 12 | (3) in section 10 (15 U.S.C. 3708), by striking |
| 13 | "National Science Foundation" each place the term |
| 14 | appears and inserting "National Science and Tech- |
| 15 | nology Foundation". |
| 16 | (v) Cyber Security Research and Develop- |
| 17 | MENT ACT.—The Cyber Security Research and Develop- |
| 18 | ment Act (15 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) is amended— |
| 19 | (1) in section $3(1)$ (15 U.S.C. $7402(1)$), by in- |
| 20 | serting "and Technology" after "National Science"; |
| 21 | (2) in section 5 (15 U.S.C. 7404)— |
| 22 | (A) in the section heading, by inserting |
| 23 | "AND TECHNOLOGY" after "NATIONAL |
| 24 | SCIENCE''; |

| 1 | (B) in subsection (c)(4), by inserting "and |
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| 2 | Technology" after "National Science"; and |
| 3 | (C) in subsection (d), by striking "Na- |
| 4 | tional Science Foundation's" and inserting |
| 5 | "National Science and Technology Founda- |
| 6 | tion's''; and |
| 7 | (3) in section 13 (15 U.S.C. 7409), by striking |
| 8 | "National Science Foundation" each place the term |
| 9 | appears and inserting "National Science and Tech- |
| 10 | nology Foundation". |
| 11 | (w) NATIONAL SUPERCONDUCTIVITY AND COMPETI- |
| 12 | TIVENESS ACT OF 1988.—Section 6 of the National |
| 13 | Superconductivity and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (15 |
| 14 | U.S.C. 5205) is amended by inserting "and Technology" |
| 15 | after "National Science". |
| 16 | (x) Weather Research and Forecasting Inno- |
| 17 | VATION ACT OF 2017.—Each of sections 105 and |
| 18 | 402(a)(1) of the Weather Research and Forecasting Inno- |
| 19 | vation Act of 2017 (15 U.S.C. 8515, 8542(a)(1)) are |
| 20 | amended by inserting "and Technology" after "National |
| 21 | Science". |

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