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S. 1037

To provide for the establishment of a section of the website of the Department of Commerce that shall serve as the primary hub for information relating to Federal manufacturing programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2021

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Manufacturing.gov
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MANUFACTURING.GOV HUB.**

7 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Sec-
8 retary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

1 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in coordi-
3 nation with the Chief Information Officer of the Depart-
4 ment of Commerce, shall modify the manufacturing.gov
5 website by establishing a section of the website to be
6 known as the “manufacturing.gov hub”.

7 (c) FUNCTIONS.—The manufacturing.gov hub estab-
8 lished under subsection (b) shall—

9 (1) serve as the primary hub for information re-
10 relating to every Federal manufacturing program, in-
11 cluding the programs identified in the report of the
12 Government Accountability Office entitled “U.S.
13 Manufacturing” (GAO 17–240), published on March
14 28, 2017;

15 (2) provide the contact information of relevant
16 employees of the agencies carrying out the Federal
17 manufacturing programs described in paragraph (1);

18 (3) provide an avenue for public input and feed-
19 back relating to—

20 (A) the functionality of the website of the
21 Department of Commerce;

22 (B) the Federal manufacturing programs
23 described in paragraph (1); and

1 (C) any other manufacturing-related chal-
2 lenges experienced by manufacturers in the
3 United States;

4 (4) establish web pages within the hub that
5 shall focus on—

6 (A) technology and research and develop-
7 ment;

8 (B) trade;

9 (C) workforce development and training;

10 (D) industrial commons and supply chains;

11 and

12 (E) small and medium manufacturers; and

13 (5) use machine learning to—

14 (A) identify frequently asked questions;

15 and

16 (B) disseminate to the public answers to
17 the questions identified under subparagraph

18 (A).

19 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such
21 sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

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