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To provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy.

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Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. BIGGERT) introduced the following bill;
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A BILL

To provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy.

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 “Advanced Vehicle Tech-*
5 *nology Act of 2009”.*

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 *Congress finds the following:*

8 (1) *According to the Energy Information Admin-*
9 *istration, the transportation sector accounts for ap-*
10 *proximately 28 percent of the United States primary*
11 *energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions, and 24*
12 *percent of global oil demand.*

13 (2) *The United States transportation sector is*
14 *over 95 percent dependent on petroleum, and over 60*
15 *percent of petroleum demand is met by imported sup-*
16 *plies.*

17 (3) *United States heavy truck fuel consumption*
18 *will increase 23 percent by 2030, while overall trans-*
19 *portation energy use will decline by 1 percent.*

20 (4) *The domestic automotive and commercial ve-*
21 *hicle manufacturing sectors have increasingly limited*
22 *resources for research and development of advanced*
23 *technologies.*

24 (5) *Vehicle, engine, and component manufactur-*
25 *ers are playing a more important role in vehicle tech-*

1 *nology development, and should be better integrated*
2 *into Federal research efforts.*

3 *(6) Priorities for the Department of Energy’s ve-*
4 *hicle technologies research have shifted drastically in*
5 *recent years among diesel hybrids, hydrogen fuel cell*
6 *vehicles, and plug-in electric hybrids, with little con-*
7 *tinuity among them.*

8 *(7) The integration of vehicle, communication,*
9 *and infrastructure technologies has great potential for*
10 *efficiency gains through better management of the*
11 *total transportation system.*

12 *(8) The Federal Government should balance its*
13 *role in researching longer-term exploratory concepts*
14 *and developing nearer-term transformational tech-*
15 *nologies for vehicles.*

16 **SEC. 3. OBJECTIVES.**

17 *The objectives of this Act are to—*

18 *(1) develop technologies and practices that—*

19 *(A) improve the fuel efficiency and emis-*
20 *sions of all vehicles produced in the United*
21 *States; and*

22 *(B) reduce vehicle reliance on petroleum-*
23 *based fuels;*

24 *(2) support domestic research, development, dem-*
25 *onstration, and commercial application and manu-*

1 *facturing of advanced vehicles, engines, and compo-*
2 *nents;*

3 (3) *enable vehicles to move larger volumes of*
4 *goods and more passengers with less energy and emis-*
5 *sions;*

6 (4) *develop cost-effective advanced technologies*
7 *for wide-scale utilization throughout the passenger,*
8 *commercial, government, and transit vehicle sectors;*

9 (5) *allow for greater consumer choice of vehicle*
10 *technologies and fuels;*

11 (6) *shorten technology development and integra-*
12 *tion cycles in the vehicle industry;*

13 (7) *ensure a proper balance and diversity of*
14 *Federal investment in vehicle technologies; and*

15 (8) *strengthen partnerships between Federal and*
16 *State governmental agencies and the private and aca-*
17 *demic sectors.*

18 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

19 *For the purposes of this Act:*

20 (1) *DEPARTMENT.*—*The term “Department”*
21 *means the Department of Energy.*

22 (2) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
23 *the Secretary of Energy.*

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The following sums are authorized*
3 *to be appropriated to the Secretary for research, develop-*
4 *ment, demonstration, and commercial application of vehi-*
5 *cles and related technologies, including activities authorized*
6 *under this Act:*

7 (1) \$550,000,000 for fiscal year 2010.

8 (2) \$560,000,000 for fiscal year 2011.

9 (3) \$570,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.

10 (4) \$580,000,000 for fiscal year 2013.

11 (5) \$590,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.

12 (b) *MEDIUM AND HEAVY DUTY COMMERCIAL VEHI-*
13 *CLES.*—*From the amounts authorized under subsection (a),*
14 *there are authorized to be appropriated for carrying out*
15 *title II—*

16 (1) \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

17 (2) \$210,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

18 (3) \$220,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

19 (4) \$230,000,000 for fiscal year 2013; and

20 (5) \$240,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.

21 (c) *USER FACILITIES.*—*From the amounts authorized*
22 *under subsection (a), there are authorized to be appro-*
23 *priated for carrying out section 104—*

24 (1) \$35,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

25 (2) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

26 (3) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

1 (4) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2013; and

2 (5) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.

3 (d) *NON-ROAD PILOT PROGRAM.*—From the amounts
4 authorized under subsection (a), there are authorized to be
5 appropriated for carrying out section 204—

6 (1) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

7 (2) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

8 (3) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.

9 **TITLE I—VEHICLE RESEARCH**
10 **AND DEVELOPMENT**

11 **SEC. 101. PROGRAM.**

12 (a) *ACTIVITIES.*—The Secretary shall conduct a pro-
13 gram of basic and applied research, development, dem-
14 onstration, and commercial application activities on mate-
15 rials, technologies, and processes with the potential to sub-
16 stantially reduce or eliminate petroleum use and the emis-
17 sions of the Nation’s passenger and commercial vehicles, in-
18 cluding activities in the areas of—

19 (1) hybridization or full electrification of vehicle
20 systems;

21 (2) batteries and other energy storage devices;

22 (3) power electronics;

23 (4) vehicle, component, and subsystem manufac-
24 turing technologies and processes;

- 1 (5) *engine efficiency and combustion optimization;*
2
3 (6) *waste heat recovery;*
4 (7) *transmission and drivetrains;*
5 (8) *hydrogen vehicle technologies, including fuel*
6 *cells and internal combustion engines, and hydrogen*
7 *infrastructure;*
8 (9) *aerodynamics, rolling resistance, and acces-*
9 *sory power loads of vehicles and associated equip-*
10 *ment;*
11 (10) *vehicle weight reduction;*
12 (11) *friction and wear reduction;*
13 (12) *engine and component durability;*
14 (13) *innovative propulsion systems;*
15 (14) *advanced boosting systems;*
16 (15) *hydraulic hybrid technologies;*
17 (16) *engine compatibility with and optimization*
18 *for a variety of transportation fuels including liquid*
19 *and gaseous fuels;*
20 (17) *predictive engineering, modeling, and sim-*
21 *ulation of vehicle and transportation systems;*
22 (18) *refueling and charging infrastructure for al-*
23 *ternative fueled and electric or plug-in electric hybrid*
24 *vehicles;*

1 (19) *gaseous fuels storage system integration and*
2 *optimization;*

3 (20) *sensing, communications, and actuation*
4 *technologies for vehicle, electrical grid, and infrastruc-*
5 *ture;*

6 (21) *efficient use and recycling of rare earth ma-*
7 *terials, and reduction of precious metals and other*
8 *high-cost materials in vehicles;*

9 (22) *aftertreatment technologies;*

10 (23) *thermal management of battery systems;*

11 (24) *development of common standards, speci-*
12 *fications, and architectures for both transportation*
13 *and stationary battery applications; and*

14 (25) *other research areas as determined by the*
15 *Secretary.*

16 (b) *TRANSFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGY.—The Sec-*
17 *retary shall ensure that the Department continues to sup-*
18 *port activities and maintains competency in mid- to long-*
19 *term transformational vehicle technologies with potential to*
20 *achieve deep reductions in petroleum use and emissions, in-*
21 *cluding activities in the areas of—*

22 (1) *hydrogen vehicle technologies, including fuel*
23 *cells, internal combustion engines, hydrogen storage,*
24 *infrastructure, and activities in hydrogen technology*
25 *validation and safety codes and standards;*

1 (2) *multiple battery chemistries and novel energy*
2 *storage devices, including electromechanical batteries*
3 *and other nonchemical batteries;*

4 (3) *communication and connectivity among ve-*
5 *hicles, infrastructure, and the electrical grid; and*

6 (4) *other innovative technologies research and de-*
7 *velopment, as determined by the Secretary.*

8 (c) *INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION.*—*To the maximum ex-*
9 *tent practicable, activities under this Act shall be carried*
10 *out in partnership or collaboration with automotive manu-*
11 *facturers, heavy commercial and transit vehicle manufac-*
12 *turers, vehicle and engine equipment and component manu-*
13 *facturers, manufacturing equipment manufacturers, ad-*
14 *vanced vehicle service providers, fuel producers and energy*
15 *suppliers, electric utilities, universities, national labora-*
16 *tories, and independent research laboratories. In carrying*
17 *out this Act the Secretary shall—*

18 (1) *determine whether a wide range of companies*
19 *that manufacture or assemble vehicles or components*
20 *in the United States are represented in ongoing pub-*
21 *lic private partnership activities, including firms that*
22 *have not traditionally participated in federally-spon-*
23 *sored research and development activities, and where*
24 *possible, partner with such firms that conduct signifi-*

1 *cant and relevant research and development activities*
2 *in the United States;*

3 (2) *leverage the capabilities and resources of, and*
4 *formalize partnerships with, industry-led stakeholder*
5 *organizations, nonprofit organizations, industry con-*
6 *sortia, and trade associations with expertise in the re-*
7 *search and development of, and education and out-*
8 *reach activities in, advanced automotive and commer-*
9 *cial vehicle technologies;*

10 (3) *develop more efficient processes for transfer-*
11 *ring research findings and technologies to industry;*

12 (4) *give consideration to conversion of existing or*
13 *former vehicle technology manufacturing facilities for*
14 *the purposes of this Act; and*

15 (5) *promote efforts to ensure that technologies de-*
16 *veloped under this Act are produced in the United*
17 *States.*

18 (d) *INTERAGENCY AND INTRAAGENCY COORDINA-*
19 *TION.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary*
20 *shall coordinate research, development, demonstration, and*
21 *commercial application activities among—*

22 (1) *relevant programs within the Department,*
23 *including—*

24 (A) *the Office of Energy Efficiency and Re-*
25 *newable Energy;*

1 (B) *the Office of Science;*

2 (C) *the Office of Electricity Delivery and*
3 *Energy Reliability;*

4 (D) *the Office of Fossil Energy;*

5 (E) *the Advanced Research Projects Agen-*
6 *cy—Energy; and*

7 (F) *other offices as determined by the Sec-*
8 *retary; and*

9 (2) *relevant technology research and development*
10 *programs within other Federal agencies, as deter-*
11 *mined by the Secretary.*

12 (e) *COORDINATION AND NONDUPLICATION.—In coordi-*
13 *nating activities the Secretary shall ensure, to the max-*
14 *imum extent practicable, that activities do not duplicate*
15 *those of other programs within the Department or other rel-*
16 *evant research agencies.*

17 (f) *FEDERAL DEMONSTRATION OF TECHNOLOGIES.—*
18 *The Secretary shall make information available to procure-*
19 *ment programs of Federal agencies regarding the potential*
20 *to demonstrate technologies resulting from activities funded*
21 *through programs under this Act.*

22 (g) *INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION.—The Sec-*
23 *retary shall seek opportunities to leverage resources and*
24 *support initiatives of State and local governments in devel-*

1 *oping and promoting advanced vehicle technologies, manu-*
2 *facturing, and infrastructure.*

3 **SEC. 102. SENSING AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES.**

4 *The Secretary, in coordination with the relevant re-*
5 *search programs of other Federal agencies, shall conduct re-*
6 *search, development, and demonstration activities on*
7 *connectivity of vehicle and transportation systems, includ-*
8 *ing on sensing, computation, communication, and actu-*
9 *ation technologies that allow for reduced fuel use, optimized*
10 *traffic flow, and vehicle electrification, including tech-*
11 *nologies for—*

12 *(1) onboard vehicle, engine, and component sens-*
13 *ing and actuation;*

14 *(2) vehicle-to-vehicle sensing and communica-*
15 *tion;*

16 *(3) vehicle-to-infrastructure sensing and commu-*
17 *nication; and*

18 *(4) vehicle integration with the electrical grid.*

19 **SEC. 103. MANUFACTURING.**

20 *The Secretary shall carry out a research, development,*
21 *demonstration, and commercial application program of ad-*
22 *vanced vehicle manufacturing technologies and practices,*
23 *including innovative processes to—*

24 *(1) increase the production rate and decrease the*
25 *cost of advanced battery manufacturing;*

1 (2) *vary the capability of individual manufac-*
2 *turing facilities to accommodate different battery*
3 *chemistries and configurations;*

4 (3) *reduce waste streams, emissions, and energy-*
5 *intensity of vehicle, engine, and component manufac-*
6 *turing processes;*

7 (4) *recycle and remanufacture used batteries and*
8 *other vehicle components for reuse in vehicles or sta-*
9 *tionary applications;*

10 (5) *produce cost-effective lightweight materials*
11 *such as advanced metal alloys, polymeric composites,*
12 *and carbon fiber;*

13 (6) *produce lightweight high pressure storage*
14 *systems for gaseous fuels;*

15 (7) *design and manufacture purpose-built hydro-*
16 *gen and fuel cell vehicles and components; and*

17 (8) *produce permanent magnets for advanced ve-*
18 *hicles.*

19 **SEC. 104. USER TESTING FACILITIES.**

20 *Activities under this Act may include construction, ex-*
21 *pansion, or modification of new and existing vehicle, en-*
22 *gine, and component research and testing facilities for—*

23 (1) *testing or simulating interoperability of a*
24 *variety of vehicle components and systems;*

1 (2) *subjecting whole or partial vehicle platforms*
2 *to fully representative duty cycles and operating con-*
3 *ditions;*

4 (3) *developing and demonstrating a range of*
5 *chemistries and configurations for advanced vehicle*
6 *battery manufacturing; and*

7 (4) *developing and demonstrating test cycles for*
8 *new and alternative fuels, and other advanced vehicle*
9 *technologies.*

10 **TITLE II—MEDIUM AND HEAVY**
11 **DUTY COMMERCIAL AND**
12 **TRANSIT VEHICLES**

13 **SEC. 201. PROGRAM.**

14 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary, in partnership with*
15 *relevant research and development programs in other Fed-*
16 *eral agencies, and a range of appropriate industry stake-*
17 *holders, shall carry out a program of cooperative research,*
18 *development, demonstration, and commercial application*
19 *activities on advanced technologies for medium- to heavy-*
20 *duty commercial and transit vehicles, including activities*
21 *in the areas of—*

22 (1) *engine efficiency and combustion research;*

23 (2) *on board storage technologies for compressed*
24 *and liquefied natural gas;*

- 1 (3) *development and integration of engine tech-*
- 2 *nologies designed for natural gas operation of a vari-*
- 3 *ety of vehicle platforms;*
- 4 (4) *waste heat recovery and conversion;*
- 5 (5) *improved aerodynamics and tire rolling re-*
- 6 *sistance;*
- 7 (6) *energy and space-efficient emissions control*
- 8 *systems;*
- 9 (7) *heavy hybrid, hybrid hydraulic, plug-in hy-*
- 10 *brid, and electric platforms, and energy storage tech-*
- 11 *nologies;*
- 12 (8) *drivetrain optimization;*
- 13 (9) *friction and wear reduction;*
- 14 (10) *engine idle and parasitic energy loss reduc-*
- 15 *tion;*
- 16 (11) *electrification of accessory loads;*
- 17 (12) *onboard sensing and communications tech-*
- 18 *nologies;*
- 19 (13) *advanced lightweighting materials and vehi-*
- 20 *cle designs;*
- 21 (14) *increasing load capacity per vehicle;*
- 22 (15) *thermal management of battery systems;*
- 23 (16) *recharging infrastructure;*
- 24 (17) *complete vehicle modeling and simulation;*

1 (18) *hydrogen vehicle technologies, including fuel*
2 *cells and internal combustion engines, and hydrogen*
3 *infrastructure;*

4 (19) *retrofitting advanced technologies onto exist-*
5 *ing truck fleets; and*

6 (20) *integration of these and other advanced sys-*
7 *tems onto a single truck and trailer platform.*

8 (b) *LEADERSHIP.—The Secretary shall appoint a full-*
9 *time Director to coordinate research, development, dem-*
10 *onstration, and commercial application activities in*
11 *medium- to heavy-duty commercial and transit vehicle*
12 *technologies. Responsibilities of the Director shall be to—*

13 (1) *improve coordination and develop consensus*
14 *between government agency and industry partners,*
15 *and propose new processes for program management*
16 *and priority setting to better align activities and*
17 *budgets among partners;*

18 (2) *regularly convene workshops, site visits, dem-*
19 *onstrations, conferences, investor forums, and other*
20 *events in which information and research findings*
21 *are shared among program participants and inter-*
22 *ested stakeholders;*

23 (3) *develop a budget for the Department’s activi-*
24 *ties with regard to the interagency program, and pro-*

1 *vide consultation and guidance on vehicle technology*
2 *funding priorities across agencies;*

3 (4) *determine a process for reviewing program*
4 *technical goals, targets, and timetables and, where ap-*
5 *licable, aided by life-cycle impact and cost analysis,*
6 *propose revisions or elimination based on program*
7 *progress, available funding, and rate of technology*
8 *adoption;*

9 (5) *evaluate ongoing activities of the program*
10 *and recommend project modifications, including the*
11 *termination of projects, where applicable;*

12 (6) *recruit new industry participants to the*
13 *interagency program, including truck, trailer, and*
14 *component manufacturers who have not traditionally*
15 *participated in federally sponsored research and tech-*
16 *nology development activities; and*

17 (7) *other responsibilities as determined by the*
18 *Secretary, in consultation with interagency and in-*
19 *dustry partners.*

20 (c) *REPORTING.—At the end of each fiscal year the*
21 *partnership shall submit to the Secretary and relevant Con-*
22 *gressional committees of jurisdiction an annual report de-*
23 *scribing activities undertaken in the previous year, active*
24 *industry participants, efforts to recruit new participants,*

1 *progress of the program in meeting goals and timelines, and*
2 *a strategic plan for funding of activities across agencies.*

3 **SEC. 202. CLASS 8 TRUCK AND TRAILER SYSTEMS DEM-**
4 **ONSTRATION.**

5 *The Secretary shall conduct a competitive grant pro-*
6 *gram to demonstrate the integration of multiple advanced*
7 *technologies on Class 8 truck and trailer platforms with a*
8 *goal of improving overall freight efficiency, as measured in*
9 *tons and volume of freight hauled or other work perform-*
10 *ance-based metrics, by 50 percent, including a combination*
11 *of technologies listed in section 201(a). Applicant teams*
12 *may be comprised of truck and trailer manufacturers, en-*
13 *gine and component manufacturers, fleet customers, univer-*
14 *sity researchers, and other applicants as appropriate for*
15 *the development and demonstration of integrated Class 8*
16 *truck and trailer systems.*

17 **SEC. 203. TECHNOLOGY TESTING AND METRICS.**

18 *The Secretary, in coordination with the partners of the*
19 *interagency research program described in section 201(a)—*

20 *(1) shall develop standard testing procedures and*
21 *technologies for evaluating the performance of ad-*
22 *vanced heavy vehicle technologies under a range of*
23 *representative duty cycles and operating conditions,*
24 *including for heavy hybrid propulsion systems;*

1 (2) shall evaluate heavy vehicle performance
2 using work performance-based metrics other than
3 those based on miles per gallon, including those based
4 on units of volume and weight transported for freight
5 applications, and appropriate metrics based on the
6 work performed by nonroad systems; and

7 (3) may construct heavy duty truck and bus test-
8 ing facilities.

9 **SEC. 204. NONROAD SYSTEMS PILOT PROGRAM.**

10 *The Secretary shall undertake a pilot program of re-*
11 *search, development, demonstration, and commercial appli-*
12 *cations of technologies to improve total machine or system*
13 *efficiency for heavy duty nonroad equipment, and shall seek*
14 *opportunities to transfer relevant research findings and*
15 *technologies between the nonroad and on-highway equip-*
16 *ment and vehicle sectors.*

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