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# S. 1549

To require a review of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration preference for domestic suppliers.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PETERS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

To require a review of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration preference for domestic suppliers.

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. REVIEW OF PREFERENCE FOR DOMESTIC SUP-**

4 **PLIERS.**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of Con-  
6 gress that the National Aeronautics and Space Adminis-  
7 tration (referred to in this section as “NASA”) should,  
8 to the maximum extent practicable and with due consider-  
9 ation of foreign policy goals and obligations under Federal  
10 law—

1           (1) use domestic suppliers of goods and serv-  
2           ices; and

3           (2) ensure compliance with the Federal acquisi-  
4           tion regulations, including subcontract flow-down  
5           provisions.

6           (b) REVIEW.—

7           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
8           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Ad-  
9           ministrator of NASA shall undertake a comprehen-  
10          sive review of the domestic supplier preferences of  
11          NASA and the obligations of NASA under the Fed-  
12          eral acquisition regulations to ensure compliance,  
13          particularly with respect to Federal acquisition regu-  
14          lations provisions that apply to foreign-based sub-  
15          contractors.

16          (2) ELEMENTS.—The review under paragraph  
17          (1) shall include—

18                 (A) an assessment as to whether NASA  
19                 has provided funding for infrastructure of a for-  
20                 eign-owned company or State-sponsored entity  
21                 in recent years; and

22                 (B) a review of any impact such funding  
23                 has had on domestic service providers.

24          (c) REPORT.—The Administrator of NASA shall sub-  
25          mit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-

- 1 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Science,
- 2 Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives
- 3 a report on the results of the review.

