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H. R. 5476

To require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on tech startups,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 5, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio (for himself, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. PHILLIPS) introduced
the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and
Commerce

A BILL

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on tech startups, 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 “Advancing Tech
5 Startups Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TECHNOLOGY STARTUP COMPANIES STUDY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—

8 (1) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 2 years
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
10 retary of Commerce, in coordination with the head

1 of any other appropriate Federal agency, shall con-
2 duct a study on the impact of technology startup
3 companies on the United States economy.

4 (2) REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDY.—In con-
5 ducting the study, the Secretary shall do the fol-
6 lowing:

7 (A) Develop and conduct a survey on tech-
8 nology startup companies in the United States
9 through outreach to participating entities, as
10 appropriate, to—

11 (i) establish a list of locations, includ-
12 ing any State, city, or geographic area,
13 dedicated to the creation, development, and
14 growth of technology startup companies;

15 (ii) provide a description of the activi-
16 ties of such locations with respect to the
17 creation, development, and growth of tech-
18 nology startup companies, including any
19 incubators, accelerators, or other activity
20 dedicated to such creation, development,
21 and growth;

22 (iii) establish a list of public-private
23 partnerships focused on promoting the cre-
24 ation, development, and growth of tech-
25 nology startup companies; and

1 (iv) provide a description of the activi-
2 ties of such public-private partnerships to
3 create, develop, and grow technology start-
4 up companies.

5 (B) Develop a comprehensive list of Fed-
6 eral agencies asserting jurisdiction over entities
7 and industry sectors dedicated to the creation,
8 development, and growth of technology startup
9 companies.

10 (C) Identify all interagency activities tak-
11 ing place among the Federal agencies listed
12 under subparagraph (B).

13 (D) Develop a brief description of the ju-
14 risdiction and expertise of the Federal agencies
15 identified under subparagraph (B).

16 (E) Identify each Federal rule, regulation,
17 guideline, policy, and other Federal activity im-
18 plemented by each Federal agency under sub-
19 paragraph (B) as it relates to any State, city,
20 or geographic area dedicated to the creation,
21 development, and growth of technology startup
22 companies.

23 (F) Conduct a survey of relevant market-
24 places and supply chains impacting the cre-

1 ation, growth, and development of technology
2 startup companies in the United States to—

3 (i) assess the severity of risks posed
4 to such marketplaces and supply chains;
5 and

6 (ii) identify emerging risks and long-
7 term trends in such marketplaces and sup-
8 ply chains.

9 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6
10 months after the completion of the study required pursu-
11 ant to subsection (a), the Secretary, in coordination with
12 the head of any other appropriate Federal agency, shall
13 submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
14 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
15 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and
16 make publicly available on their respective websites, a re-
17 port that contains—

18 (1) the results of the study conducted under
19 subsection (a); and

20 (2) recommendations to—

21 (A) develop and implement a comprehen-
22 sive plan to promote the creation and growth of
23 technology startup companies;

1 (B) develop policies that States can adopt
2 to encourage the creation and growth of tech-
3 nology startup companies in the United States;

4 (C) develop strategies to mitigate current
5 and emerging risks to relevant marketplaces
6 and supply chains impacting the creation and
7 growth of technology startup companies; and

8 (D) develop legislation to accomplish such
9 recommendations.

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