

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7273
OFFERED BY MS. GILLEN OF NEW YORK

At the end of title VIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 8____. NASA-SUPPORTED RESEARCH AND TECH-**
2 **NOLOGY CONSORTIA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—In advancing existing research
4 and development capabilities and enabling novel research
5 and development capabilities in the exploration, space op-
6 erations, space technology, aeronautics, science, and
7 STEM education mission areas of NASA and addressing
8 gaps in such existing and novel capabilities, the Adminis-
9 trator shall seek to utilize and, as appropriate, expand re-
10 search and technology consortia that are composed of any
11 of the following:

- 12 (1) Industry.
13 (2) Academia.
14 (3) Nonprofit organizations.
15 (4) Federal departments and agencies.
16 (5) Federal laboratories.
17 (6) Other relevant entities.

18 (b) ACTIVITIES.—Consortia utilized pursuant to sub-
19 section (a) may carry out any of the following activities:

1 (1) Establishing a network for sharing and
2 gathering information and resources to contribute to
3 the capabilities referred to in such subsection.

4 (2) Identifying gaps in such capabilities.

5 (3) Assessing the readiness of such capabilities.

6 (4) Making recommendations to the Adminis-
7 trator regarding the strategic development, deploy-
8 ment, and application of such capabilities across
9 mission areas referred to in such subsection.

10 (5) Any other activity the Administrator deter-
11 mines necessary.

12 (c) IDENTIFICATION.—Not later than 270 days after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator
14 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress
15 a report that includes an identification of the following:

16 (1) Each thematic area in which consortia uti-
17 lized pursuant to subsection (a) could contribute to
18 the capabilities referred to in such subsection.

19 (2) Consortia described in such subsection that,
20 if so utilized, could expand the geographical diversity
21 of industry and academic clusters that contribute to
22 such capabilities.

23 (d) SUPPORT.—Beginning not later than one year
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
25 trator shall seek to provide to consortia utilized pursuant

1 to subsection (a) technical and logistical support, and such
2 support may include any of the following:

3 (1) Facilitating any of the following:

4 (A) The development and operations of
5 such consortia.

6 (B) Interactions and the sharing of re-
7 search and technology between the members of
8 such consortia.

9 (2) Hosting annual meetings for such members.

