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AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Purpose: To express the sense of Congress that the United States should remain a leader in advanced aviation and to require the FAA to regularly brief Congress on its strategy to integrate unmanned aircraft systems into the National Airspace System (NAS).

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. _____

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. PETERS

Viz:

- 1 At the end of title VIII, add the following:
- 2 **SEC. 828. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**
- 3 It is the sense of Congress that it is important that
- 4 the United States maintain global leadership in advanced
- 5 aviation to maintain and improve national security, safety,
- 6 sustainability, and economic strength domestically and
- 7 globally.

1 **SEC. 829. COMPREHENSIVE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM**
2 **INTEGRATION STRATEGY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the
4 date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall
5 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report
6 on its National Airspace System (NAS) integration strat-
7 egy for unmanned aircraft systems (as defined in section
8 44801 of title 49, United States Code), including civil un-
9 manned aircraft systems operating in controlled airspace,
10 that includes the following:

11 (1) The status of the following:

12 (A) Implementation of statutory provisions
13 related to unmanned aircraft system integration
14 in subtitle B of title III of division B of the
15 FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Public Law
16 115-254).

17 (B) Implementation of statutory provisions
18 related to unmanned aircraft system integration
19 in subtitle A of title VIII of this Act.

20 (C) Actions taken by the FAA to imple-
21 ment recommendations related to National Air-
22 space System integration of unmanned aircraft
23 systems, including civil unmanned aircraft sys-
24 tems operating in controlled airspace, included
25 in aviation rulemaking committee reports pub-

1 lished since the enactment of the FAA Reau-
2 thORIZATION Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-254).

3 (D) Any other objectives determined ap-
4 propriate by the Administrator as part of a Na-
5 tional Airspace System integration strategy.

6 (2) A description of steps to achieve the strat-
7 egy as outlined in subsection (a), including mile-
8 stones and performance metrics to gauge results.

9 (3) The costs of executing the strategy, any re-
10 sources or investments required to execute the strat-
11 egy, and any regulatory or policy changes required
12 to execute the strategy.

13 (4) The process for ensuring coordination with-
14 in the FAA and with relevant interagency stake-
15 holders, as well as for receiving input from private
16 and public sector unmanned aircraft systems stake-
17 holders in the execution of the strategy.

18 (5) A description of steps to achieve strategy
19 objectives, including milestones and performance
20 metrics to gauge results.

21 (b) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS.—Beginning 6
22 months after the date of enactment of this section, and
23 not less than every 12 months thereafter, the Adminis-
24 trator shall provide a briefing for the appropriate Commit-
25 tees of Congress on—

1 (1) the status of implementation of each ele-
2 ment specified in subsection (a); and

3 (2) any additional actions taken by the Admin-
4 istrator to integrate unmanned aircraft systems into
5 the National Airspace System (NAS).

6 (c) SUNSET.—Subsection (b) shall not apply after
7 September 30, 2028.