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[Report No. 117–38]

To provide for the establishment of a section of the website of the Department of Commerce that shall serve as the primary hub for information relating to Federal manufacturing programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2021

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Reported by Ms. CANTWELL, with an amendment

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Manufacturing.gov
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. MANUFACTURING.GOV HUB.**

5 (a) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “Sec-
6 retary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

7 (b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 1 year after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in coordi-
9 nation with the Chief Information Officer of the Depart-
10 ment of Commerce, shall modify the manufacturing.gov
11 website by establishing a section of the website to be
12 known as the “manufacturing.gov hub”.

13 (c) **FUNCTIONS.**—The manufacturing.gov hub estab-
14 lished under subsection (b) shall—

15 (1) serve as the primary hub for information re-
16 lating to every Federal manufacturing program, in-
17 cluding the programs identified in the report of the
18 Government Accountability Office entitled “U.S.
19 Manufacturing” (GAO 17–240), published on March
20 28, 2017;

21 (2) provide the contact information of relevant
22 employees of the agencies carrying out the Federal
23 manufacturing programs described in paragraph (1);

24 (3) provide an avenue for public input and feed-
25 back relating to—

1 (A) the functionality of the website of the
2 Department of Commerce;

3 (B) the Federal manufacturing programs
4 described in paragraph (1); and

5 (C) any other manufacturing-related chal-
6 lenges experienced by manufacturers in the
7 United States;

8 (4) establish web pages within the hub that
9 shall focus on—

10 (A) technology and research and develop-
11 ment;

12 (B) trade;

13 (C) workforce development and training;

14 (D) industrial commons and supply chains;

15 and

16 (E) small and medium manufacturers; and

17 (5) use machine learning to—

18 (A) identify frequently asked questions;

19 and

20 (B) disseminate to the public answers to

21 the questions identified under subparagraph

22 (A).

23 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such
25 sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

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17 (B) disseminate to the public answers to the
18 questions identified under subparagraph (A).

19 (d) *NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.*—No additional funds are
20 authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of carrying
21 out this section. The Secretary shall carry out this section
22 using amounts otherwise available to the Secretary for such
23 purposes.

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