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115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To provide for a report on the role of incubators and accelerators in the commercialization of federally funded research and regional economic development.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PETERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Building Opportunity
5 for Student Startups Act” or the “BOSS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL ACADEMIES REPORT ON INCUBATORS**
2 **AND ACCELERATORS.**

3 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
4 of this Act, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Stand-
5 ards and Technology shall enter into an arrangement with
6 the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study on
7 the role of incubators and accelerators, including univer-
8 sity-based incubators and accelerators, in the commer-
9 cialization of federally funded research and regional eco-
10 nomic development. The study shall—

11 (1) include an examination of metrics for com-
12 paring startups that have and have not completed
13 incubator or accelerator programs, and include the
14 role of incubators and accelerators in developing re-
15 gional innovation clusters; and

16 (2) identify best practices in the structure,
17 goals, operation, management, and funding mecha-
18 nisms of leading incubators and accelerators.