

**STATEMENT ON H.R. 2263**

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Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

H.R. 2263, *the "Office of Space Commerce Act"*  
Full Committee Markup

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will be brief in my remarks. The bill offered by my good friend Mr. Rohrabacher is not objectionable, and I intend to support it.

However, before I close I would note that this is another area of our Committee's jurisdiction that we have ignored. We have had no hearings on this Office in either the 113<sup>th</sup> or the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress. We have had no testimony as to how effectively the Office is carrying out any of the functions it was given when this Committee first established it in statute.

So while I will not object to the gentleman's bill, it is no substitute for this Committee doing the oversight work that it has so far neglected to do.

I yield back.