

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1249, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. PETERS OF MICHIGAN AND MR.
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Page 139, insert the following after line 12 and re-designate succeeding sections (and conform the table of contents) accordingly:

1 **SEC. 29. USPTO STUDY ON INTERNATIONAL PATENT PRO-**
2 **TECTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.**

3 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Director of the United
4 States Patent and Trademark Office (the “Director”), in
5 consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and the Ad-
6 ministrator of the Small Business Administration, shall,
7 using the existing resources of the Office, carry out a
8 study—

9 (1) to determine how the United States Patent
10 and Trademark Office, in coordination with other
11 Federal departments and agencies, can best help
12 small businesses with international patent protec-
13 tion; and

14 (2) whether, in order to help small businesses
15 pay for the costs of filing, maintaining, and enforce-
16 ing international patent applications, there should be
17 established either—

1 (A) a revolving fund loan program to make
2 loans to small businesses to defray the costs of
3 such applications, maintenance, and enforce-
4 ment and related technical assistance; or

5 (B) a grant program to defray the costs of
6 such applications, maintenance, and enforce-
7 ment and related technical assistance.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Director shall issue a
10 report to the Congress containing—

11 (1) all findings and determinations made in car-
12 rying out the study required under subsection (a);

13 (2) a statement of whether the determination
14 was made that—

15 (A) a revolving fund loan program de-
16 scribed under subsection (a)(2)(A) should be es-
17 tablished;

18 (B) a grant program described under sub-
19 section (a)(2)(B) should be established; or

20 (C) neither such program should be estab-
21 lished; and

22 (3) any legislative recommendations the Direc-
23 tor may have developed in carrying out such study.

