

**AMENDMENT TO**  
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**OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, add the following:

**1 SEC. 18\_\_ . STUDY ON CRITICAL CARGO.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-  
4 tation shall initiate a study to examine—

5 (1) efforts to expedite the movement of critical  
6 cargo through ports and marine terminals; and

7 (2) methodologies, practices, and processes for  
8 moving such cargo during emergencies or supply  
9 chain disruptions.

10 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-  
11 section (a), the Secretary shall examine methodologies,  
12 practices and processes for—

13 (1) identifying critical cargo and expediting the  
14 movement of such cargo through the marine termi-  
15 nals and ports;

16 (2) expediting the movement of critical cargo  
17 across all modes of transportation after leaving ma-  
18 rine terminals and ports; and

1           (3) mitigating the impact on the movement of  
2           other cargo that is not critical.

3           (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under  
4           subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

5           (1) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
6           ices; and

7           (2) other relevant Federal agencies.

8           (d) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.—The Secretary  
9           shall issue a request for information in the Federal Reg-  
10          ister seeking public comment on the matters to be consid-  
11          ered in the study to required under subsection (a).

12          (e) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
13          of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to  
14          the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of  
15          the House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-  
16          merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report  
17          containing—

18               (1) the findings of the study conducted under  
19               subsection (a); and

20               (2) recommendations for methodologies, prac-  
21               tices, and processes described in such subsection, in-  
22               cluding recommendations for using data from com-  
23               mercial and government data tracking initiatives  
24               to—

1 (A) determine when cargo is critical and  
2 needs to be expedited;

3 (B) identify such critical cargo at port and  
4 marine terminals; and

5 (C) expedite the movement and distribu-  
6 tion of such cargo to end users.

7 (f) PILOT PROGRAM.—In conducting the study under  
8 subsection (a), the Secretary may establish 1 or more vol-  
9 untary pilot programs to test the effectiveness of meth-  
10 odologies, practices, and processes for expediting the  
11 movement of critical cargo through ports and marine ter-  
12 minals.

