

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8**  
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At the end of subtitle A of title XVI, add the following new section:

1   **SEC. 16 \_\_\_\_ . STUDY AND GUIDANCE ON CONVERSION OF**  
2                   **RURAL, ABANDONED FACTORIES INTO**  
3                   **SPACE-RELATED MANUFACTURING FACILI-**  
4                   **TIES.**

5           (a) STUDY.—Not later than one year after the date  
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,  
7 acting through the Office of Local Defense Community  
8 Cooperation, and in consultation with the Office of Space  
9 Affairs of the Department of State and the Small Busi-  
10 ness Development Center of the Small Business Adminis-  
11 tration, shall conduct a study, and publish guidance, on  
12 the conversion of abandoned factories, space centers, and  
13 military bases in rural areas into space-related manufac-  
14 turing facilities and space complexes.

15           (b) ELEMENTS.—The study and guidance required  
16 under subsection (a) shall include information relating to  
17 the following:

18                   (1) On average and by State, the cost of con-  
19 versions of abandoned factories, and space centers,

1 and abandoned military bases in rural areas into  
2 space-related manufacturing facilities and space  
3 complexes.

4 (2) Greatest needs for terrestrial space manu-  
5 facturing.

6 (3) Environmental and sustainability concerns  
7 relating to such conversions.

8 (4) Impact on local economies of region in  
9 which such conversions are carried out.

10 (5) Technical skills and relevant education  
11 needed for construction workers, engineers, sci-  
12 entists, and other elements of the workforce relating  
13 to such conversions, as well as for the operation of  
14 such facilities.

15 (6) Potential for collaboration with local com-  
16 munity colleges relating to such conversions.

17 (7) Effects of artificial intelligence on workforce  
18 development relating to such conversions.

19 (8) The number of factories and military bases  
20 in rural areas abandoned as of 2025.

21 (9) Potential for development within rural com-  
22 munities relating to such conversions.

23 (10) Viable sources of potential funding or in-  
24 centives for private sector entities for such conver-  
25 sions.

1           (11) Potential national security implications re-  
2           lating to such conversions, in particular with regard  
3           to United States adversaries and the Space Com-  
4           mand.

5           (12) An estimate of the time required to com-  
6           plete such conversions.

7           (13) Input from private and public entities that  
8           have collaborated or currently collaborate with the  
9           National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
10          (NASA) regarding space manufacturing.

11          (14) An analysis undertaken in consultation  
12          with outside experts in the aerospace field on the  
13          current state of the aerospace industry in rural  
14          areas of the United States, including a description  
15          of best practices relating to such conversions.

16          (c) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of  
17          Defense shall submit to Congress the study and guidance  
18          required under subsection (a).

19          (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20               (1) The term “abandoned” means out of use or  
21               underutilized for at least five years, with no appar-  
22               ent plans to restart production or repurpose for  
23               other uses.

24               (2) The term “factory” means an industrial fa-  
25               cility for manufacturing goods or parts.

1           (3) The term “rural area”, with respect to an  
2           abandoned factory, space center, or military base,  
3           means such a factory, center, or base, as the case  
4           may be, that is located in any area other than—

5                   (A) a city or town that has a population of  
6                   greater than 50,000 inhabitants; or

7                   (B) any urbanized area contiguous and ad-  
8                   jacent to a city or town described in subpara-  
9                   graph (A).

10          (4) The term “space complex” means a group  
11          of buildings designed for the purpose of building  
12          spacecraft, instruments, or technologies to study  
13          space, or testing or launching such devices.

