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Page 1691, after line 20, insert the following:

SEC. 40002. GAO STUDY.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) mass transit and civilian airlines have an essential role in keeping the United States moving;

(2) while the COVID-19 pandemic has devastated the industry, transit agencies and companies are leading the way in implementing safety measures and exploring new technologies to protect essential workers who continue to rely on our bus and rail systems;

(3) Congress can support the transportation sector by authorizing a GAO study that would recommend specific safety measures to reduce exposure to the SARS-CoV-2 virus on mass transportation systems, as well as technologies that can assist with the implementation of such safety measures, including technologies that facilitate large-scale sanitation
and decontamination and encourage social distancing; and

(4) implementation of such safety measures and technologies will help the transportation sector be more resilient in the face of future pandemics.

(b) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall carry out a study to—

(1) research and recommend specific measures that civilian transit companies and agencies (including rail, airlines, and buses) should implement to improve the safety of passengers and crew;

(2) research and recommend technologies being developed within and outside the United States Government, including the Department of Defense and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, that can be transitioned to the civilian transportation sector; and

(3) study technologies that—

(A) provide an alternative to decontamination with chemical solutions which is labor intensive, and has material compatibility and corrosion concerns;

(B) decontaminate crevices and hard to reach areas that can be missed with other technologies;
(C) minimize personnel exposure to the contaminated aircraft to personnel required for set-up; and

(D) allow timely decontamination (under 3 hours) to return the bus, train, or aircraft to operational status.

(e) REPORT.—Not later than 3 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report containing the results of the study required under subsection (b).