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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Palazzo introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________________

A BILL

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1  Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2  SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3  This Act may be cited as the “NASA Enhanced Use Lease Authority Act of 2019”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. ENHANCED USE LEASE AUTHORITY.

(a) Expansion of In-kind Consideration for Certain Leases.—Section 20145(b)(1) of title 51, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(B) Exceptions.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the Administrator may accept in-kind consideration for leases entered into for the purpose of—

“(i) developing renewable energy production facilities;

“(ii) maintaining, constructing, modifying, or improving facilities on real property under the jurisdiction of the Administrator;

“(iii) carrying out aeronautical and space research, development, testing, and evaluation activities; or

“(iv) the provision of services to the Administration, including launch services and payload processing services.”.

(b) Reporting Requirements.—Section 20145(f) of title 51, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) Capturing the Value of In-kind Consideration.—Information with respect to—
“(A) the value and nature of in-kind consideration; and

“(B) controls in place that ensure that the Administration takes advantage of such consideration.”.

(c) Obligation of Funds.—Section 20145 of title 51, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) Obligation of Funds.—Except as provided in subsection (b)(2), the Administrator may not obligate funds under this section.”.

(d) Expiration of Lease Authority.—Section 20145(g) of title 51, United States Code, is amended by striking “December 31, 2019” and inserting “December 31, 2029”.