

This amendment would grant the President the flexibility to move satellites and components from the U.S. Munitions List to the Commerce Control List.

As with standard existing procedure, the President can only move items from the U.S. Munitions List if cleared by the relevant Committees in the House and Senate. That procedure will remain in place.

Since Congress placed these items on the U.S. Munitions List, our worldwide market share for manufacturing satellites and components has dropped dramatically. We

have heard witness testimony that this situation is harming national security, costing American jobs, and encouraging other nations to develop competing technologies.

Significant concerns continue to exist regarding China, and other nations. The exceptions listed in my amendment will continue to prohibit the transfer of these technologies to these nations, and will prohibit U.S. satellites from launch on Chinese rockets.