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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Coltsville Study Act
5 of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) Hartford, Connecticut, home to Colt Manu-
9 facturing Company (referred to in this Act as

1 “Colt”), played a major role in the Industrial Revo-
 2 lution;

3 (2) Samuel Colt, founder of Colt, and his wife,
 4 Elizabeth Colt, inspired Coltsville, a community in
 5 the State of Connecticut that flourished during the
 6 Industrial Revolution and included Victorian man-
 7 sions, an open green area, botanical gardens, and a
 8 deer park;

9 (3) the residence of Samuel and Elizabeth Colt
 10 in Hartford, Connecticut, known as “Armsmear”, is
 11 a national historic landmark, and the distinctive Colt
 12 factory is a prominent feature of the Hartford, Con-
 13 necticut, skyline;

14 (4) the Colt legacy is not only about firearms,
 15 but also about industrial innovation and the develop-
 16 ment of technology that would change the way of life
 17 in the United States, including—

18 (A) the development of telegraph tech-
 19 nology; and

20 (B) advancements in jet engine technology
 21 by Francis Pratt and Amos Whitney, who
 22 served as apprentices at Colt;

23 (5) Coltsville—

24 (A) set the standard for excellence during
 25 the Industrial Revolution; and

1 (B) continues to prove significant—

2 (i) as a place in which people of the
3 United States can learn about that impor-
4 tant period in history; and

5 (ii) by reason of the close proximity of
6 Coltsville to the Mark Twain House, Trin-
7 ity College, Old North Cemetery, and
8 many historic homesteads and
9 architecturally renowned buildings;

10 (6) in 1998, the National Park Service con-
11 ducted a special resource reconnaissance study of
12 the Connecticut River Valley to evaluate the signifi-
13 cance of precision manufacturing sites; and

14 (7) the report on the study stated that—

15 (A) no other region of the United States
16 contains an equal concentration of resources re-
17 lating to the precision manufacturing theme
18 that began with firearms production;

19 (B) properties relating to precision manu-
20 facturing encompass more than merely fac-
21 tories; and

22 (C) further study, which should be under-
23 taken, may recommend inclusion of churches
24 and other social institutions.

1 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the
3 date on which funds are made available to carry out this
4 Act, the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act
5 as the “Secretary”) shall complete a study of the site in
6 the State of Connecticut commonly known as “Coltsville”
7 to evaluate—

8 (1) the national significance of the site and sur-
9 rounding area;

10 (2) the suitability and feasibility of designating
11 the site and surrounding area as a unit of the Na-
12 tional Park System; and

13 (3) the importance of the site to the history of
14 precision manufacturing.

15 (b) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under
16 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with Pub-
17 lic Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–1 et seq.).

18 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

19 Not later than 30 days after the date on which the
20 study under section 3(a) is completed, the Secretary shall
21 submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of
22 Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-
23 ural Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

24 (1) the findings of the study; and

25 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
26 Secretary.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
3 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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