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# An Act

To establish and ensure an inclusive and transparent Drone Advisory Committee.

Dec. 31, 2020
[S. 2730]

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

Drone Advisory Committee for the 21st Century Act.
49 USC 44802 note.

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Drone Advisory Committee for the 21st Century Act".

**SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

It is the Sense of Congress that:

(1) Due to the ever-increasing use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems in the agriculture, forestry, and rangeland sectors, as well as the inherently different uses in less populated parts of the nation, membership of the Drone Advisory Committee established by the Federal Aviation Administration should, to the extent practicable, include direct representatives from county and tribal government, agriculture, forestry, and rangeland interests.

(2) Full transparency in the work of the Drone Advisory Committee is vital to ensuring the public can effectively participate and contribute to the development of sound Federal policies. The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration should, to the maximum extent practicable, ensure the work of the Drone Advisory Committee is shared with and easily accessible to the public and shall ensure transparency and openness in the manner in which the affairs of the Committee are conducted.

**SEC. 3. DRONE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.**

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Aviation Administration shall take appropriate steps to encourage direct representation of county and tribal governments as well as agriculture, forestry, rangeland sectors, and other rural interests on the Drone Advisory Committee.

(2) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include public participation

in the process of nominating individuals for membership on the Committee.

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