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To establish a program to accelerate entrepreneurship and innovation by
partnering world-class entrepreneurs with Federal agencies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HONDA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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innovation by partnering world-class entrepreneurs with
Federal agencies.

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 “Entrepreneur-in-Resi-
5 dence Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) The term “Director” means the Director of
9 the Office of Personnel Management.

1 (2) The term “program” means the Federal en-
2 trepreneur-in-residence program established under
3 section 3(a).

4 (3) The term “entrepreneur-in-residence”
5 means an individual appointed to a position under
6 the program.

7 (4) The term “agency” means an Executive
8 agency, as defined in section 105 of title 5, United
9 States Code.

10 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE PRO-**
11 **GRAM.**

12 (a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Director, in con-
13 sultation with the Administrator of the Small Business
14 Administration and the Secretary of Commerce, shall es-
15 tablish a Federal entrepreneur-in-residence program
16 under which the Director, with the concurrence of the
17 head of an agency, may appoint an entrepreneur-in-resi-
18 dence to a position in the excepted service in the agency
19 to carry out the duties described in subsection (d).

20 (b) MISSION OF PROGRAM.—The mission of the pro-
21 gram shall be to—

22 (1) provide for better outreach by the Federal
23 Government to the private sector;

24 (2) strengthen coordination and interaction be-
25 tween the Federal Government and the private sec-

1 tor on issues relevant to entrepreneurs and business
2 concerns; and

3 (3) make Federal programs simpler, quicker,
4 more efficient, and more responsive to the needs of
5 business concerns and entrepreneurs.

6 (c) APPOINTMENTS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director—

8 (A) shall appoint entrepreneurs-in-resi-
9 dence under the program during each year; and

10 (B) may not appoint more than 10 entre-
11 preneurs-in-residence during any year.

12 (2) SELECTION.—The Director shall select en-
13 trepreneurs-in-residence from among individuals
14 who—

15 (A) are successful in their field;

16 (B) have demonstrated success in working
17 with business concerns and entrepreneurs; or

18 (C) have successfully developed, invented,
19 or created a product and brought the product
20 to the marketplace.

21 (3) PLACEMENT.—In appointing entrepreneurs-
22 in-residence, the Director shall—

23 (A) give priority to placing entrepreneurs-
24 in-residence across the Federal Government at
25 separate agencies; and

1 (B) to the extent practicable, not appoint
2 more than 2 entrepreneurs-in-residence to posi-
3 tions in the same agency during the same year.

4 (4) TERMS OF APPOINTMENT.—An entre-
5 preneur-in-residence—

6 (A) shall be a full-time employee of the
7 agency to which the entrepreneur-in-residence is
8 appointed; and

9 (B) may not serve as an entrepreneur-in-
10 residence for more than a period of 2 years.

11 (d) DUTIES.—An entrepreneur-in-residence shall—

12 (1) assist Federal agencies in improving out-
13 reach to business concerns and entrepreneurs;

14 (2) provide recommendations to the head of the
15 agency employing the entrepreneur-in-residence on
16 inefficient or duplicative programs, if any, at the
17 agency;

18 (3) provide recommendations to the head of the
19 agency employing the entrepreneur-in-residence on
20 methods to improve program efficiency at the agency
21 or new initiatives, if any, that may be instituted at
22 the agency;

23 (4) facilitate meetings and forums to educate
24 business concerns and entrepreneurs on programs or

1 initiatives of the agency employing the entrepreneur-
2 in-residence;

3 (5) facilitate in-service sessions with employees
4 of the agency employing the entrepreneur-in-resi-
5 dence on issues of concern to business concerns and
6 entrepreneurs; and

7 (6) provide technical assistance or mentorship
8 to business concerns and entrepreneurs in accessing
9 programs at the agency employing the entrepreneur-
10 in-residence.

11 (e) COMPENSATION.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
13 graph (2), the rate of basic pay payable to an entre-
14 preneur-in-residence shall be determined in accord-
15 ance with regulations prescribed by the Director, but
16 shall in no event be less than the minimum rate of
17 basic pay payable for grade GS-10 of the General
18 Schedule nor more than the rate payable for level II
19 of the Executive Schedule.

20 (2) HIGHEST RATE ALLOWABLE.—The rate of
21 basic pay payable to an entrepreneur-in-residence
22 may be increased to the rate payable for level II of
23 the Executive Schedule if—

24 (A) the rate last payable to such entre-
25 preneur-in-residence, before the effective date of

1 the increase, is equal to the highest rate allow-
2 able under paragraph (1);

3 (B) the entrepreneur-in-residence has sat-
4 isfactorily completed at least 1 year of service,
5 in a position under this section, within the em-
6 ploying agency; and

7 (C) the employing agency has a perform-
8 ance appraisal system which, as of such effec-
9 tive date, is certified under section 5307(d)(2)
10 of title 5, United States Code.”.

11 (f) REPORTING.—An entrepreneur-in-residence shall
12 report directly to the head of the agency employing the
13 entrepreneur-in-residence.

14 (g) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH WORKING GROUP.—
15 The Director may establish an informal working group of
16 entrepreneurs-in-residence to allow for entrepreneurs-in-
17 residence to meet to discuss best practices, experiences,
18 and recommendations in order to create an informal
19 knowledge base for current and future entrepreneurs-in-
20 residence.

21 (h) TERMINATION.—The Director may not appoint
22 an entrepreneur-in-residence under this section after Sep-
23 tember 30, 2016.

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