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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 (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

To establish a program to accelerate entrepreneurship and
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 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For purposes of 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” means
5 an individual appointed to a position under the pro-
6 gram; and

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.—An entrepreneur-in-residence
12 shall be compensated at the rate of \$1 a year.

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

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

1 (h) TERMINATION.—The Director may not appoint
2 an entrepreneur-in-residence under this section after Sep-
3 tember 30, 2017.

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