

STATEMENT ON H.R. 2261

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Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

H.R. 2261, *the “Commercial Remote Sensing Act of 2015”*
Full Committee Markup

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will not take up too much time with my opening comments on this legislation. The bill offered by my colleague from Oklahoma is not objectionable and I will support it.

That said, I would simply note that commercial remote sensing is another area of this Committee’s jurisdiction that we have neglected in recent years. This Committee authored the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act of 1992 that helped to establish the commercial remote sensing industry that exists today.

If we had been doing the appropriate oversight of this industry and NOAA’s licensing of it, we would already have in hand the information being sought by this legislation.

With that, I yield back.