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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Space Preservation Act
5 of 2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAFFIRMATION OF POLICY ON THE PRESERVA-**
2 **TION OF PEACE IN SPACE.**

3 Congress reaffirms the policy expressed in section
4 102(a) of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958
5 (42 U.S.C. 2451(a)), stating that it “is the policy of the
6 United States that activities in space should be devoted
7 to peaceful purposes for the benefit of all mankind.”.

8 **SEC. 3. BAN ON BASING OF WEAPONS IN SPACE AND THE**
9 **USE OF WEAPONS AGAINST OBJECTS IN**
10 **SPACE IN ORBIT.**

11 The President shall—

12 (1) implement a ban on space-based weapons of
13 the United States and the use of weapons of the
14 United States to destroy or damage objects in space
15 that are in orbit; and

16 (2) immediately order the termination of re-
17 search and development, testing, manufacturing,
18 production, and deployment of all space-based weap-
19 ons of the United States.

20 **SEC. 4. INTERNATIONAL TREATY BANNING SPACE-BASED**
21 **WEAPONS AND THE USE OF WEAPONS**
22 **AGAINST OBJECTS IN SPACE IN ORBIT.**

23 The President shall direct the United States rep-
24 resentatives to the United Nations and other international
25 organizations to immediately work toward negotiating,
26 adopting, and implementing an international treaty ban-

1 ning space-based weapons and the use of weapons to de-
2 stroy or damage objects in space that are in orbit.

3 **SEC. 5. REPORT.**

4 The President shall submit to Congress not later than
5 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
6 every 6 months thereafter, a report on—

7 (1) the implementation of the ban on space-
8 based weapons and the use of weapons to destroy or
9 damage objects in space that are in orbit required
10 by section 3; and

11 (2) progress toward negotiating, adopting, and
12 implementing the treaty described in section 4.

13 **SEC. 6. SPACE-BASED NONWEAPONS ACTIVITIES.**

14 Nothing in this Act may be construed as prohibiting
15 the use of funds for—

16 (1) space exploration;

17 (2) space research and development;

18 (3) testing, manufacturing, or production that
19 is not related to space-based weapons or systems; or

20 (4) civil, commercial, or defense activities (in-
21 cluding communications, navigation, surveillance, re-
22 connaissance, early warning, or remote sensing) that
23 are not related to space-based weapons or systems.

24 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act:

1 (1) The term “space” means all space extend-
2 ing upward from an altitude greater than 60 kilo-
3 meters above the surface of the earth and any celes-
4 tial body in such space.

5 (2) The terms “space-based weapon” and
6 “space-based system” mean a device capable of dam-
7 aging or destroying an object or person (whether in
8 outer space, in the atmosphere, or on earth) by—

9 (A) firing one or more projectiles to collide
10 with that object or person;

11 (B) detonating one or more explosive de-
12 vices in close proximity to that object or person;

13 (C) directing a source of energy against
14 that object or person; or

15 (D) any other undeveloped means.

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