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115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to conduct a study with respect to research coverage of small issuers before their initial public offerings, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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. PRE-IPO RESEARCH STUDY.**

4 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Securities and Ex-
5 change Commission shall conduct a study to evaluate the
6 issues affecting the ability of small issuers, including
7 emerging growth companies, to obtain research coverage

1 before their initial public offering, including the impact on
2 the availability of research coverage for such issuers due
3 to each of the following:

4 (1) Securities and Exchange Commission rules.

5 (2) Registered national securities association
6 rules.

7 (3) State and Federal liability concerns.

8 (4) The 2003 Global Research Analyst Settle-
9 ments.

10 (5) The Markets in Financial Instruments Di-
11 rective.

12 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Securities
14 and Exchange Commission shall submit to Congress a re-
15 port that includes—

16 (1) the results of the study required by sub-
17 section (a); and

18 (2) recommendations to assist small issuers, in-
19 cluding emerging growth companies, to obtain re-
20 search coverage before their initial public offering.