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H. R. 4530

To establish the Office of Technologists within the Federal Trade Commission.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2021

Mr. MCNERNEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Trade Commission.

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 “Federal Trade Com-
5 mission Technologists Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF TECH-**
7 **NOLOGISTS.**

8 (a) OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGISTS.—No later than 180
9 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal
10 Trade Commission shall establish within the Commission
11 the Office of Technologists to advise the Commission on

1 technology matters, including the Commission’s use of
2 technology, technical aspects of law enforcement actions,
3 and technology policy recommendations.

4 (b) PERSONNEL.—The Commission shall appoint at
5 least 25 technologists to the Office.

6 (c) TECHNOLOGIST DEFINED.—The term “tech-
7 nologist” means an individual with training and expertise
8 regarding the state of the art in information technology,
9 information security, network security, software develop-
10 ment, computer science, and other related fields and appli-
11 cations.

12 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—There is
13 authorized to be appropriated such sums as necessary to
14 carry out the requirements of this Act.

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