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To direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to submit to Congress a report containing an assessment of technologies available to increase the security and resiliency of the communications networks of Taiwan, including through the development of redundancies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2024

Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Ms. PEREZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Promote Secure
5 Connectivity to Taiwan Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES AVAILABLE TO IN-**
2 **CREASE SECURITY AND RESILIENCY OF COM-**
3 **MUNICATIONS NETWORKS OF TAIWAN.**

4 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary, in
6 consultation with the heads of other Federal departments
7 and agencies as necessary, shall submit to the Committee
8 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives
9 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
10 tation of the Senate a report containing an assessment
11 of technologies available to increase the security and resil-
12 iency of the communications networks of Taiwan, includ-
13 ing through the development of redundancies.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
15 (a) shall include an assessment of—

16 (1) the types of technologies available to in-
17 crease the security and resiliency of the communica-
18 tions networks of Taiwan, including through the de-
19 velopment of redundancies;

20 (2) the need for such technologies;

21 (3) the potential for engagement with trusted
22 entities in the deployment of such technologies, and
23 the associated geopolitical and economic advantages
24 of such engagement;

1 (4) the lifespan of the submarine fiber optic ca-
2 bles currently connecting the contiguous United
3 States and Taiwan;

4 (5) the security of communications links be-
5 tween the United States and Taiwan; and

6 (6) any other related matters the Assistant Sec-
7 retary determines appropriate.

8 (c) NO MANDATORY DATA COLLECTION.—The As-
9 sistant Secretary may not require any entity to provide
10 data for purposes of preparing the report required by sub-
11 section (a).

12 (d) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
13 shall be submitted in unclassified form without any des-
14 ignation relating to dissemination control, but may include
15 a classified annex.

16 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

17 (1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-
18 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of
19 Commerce for Communications and Information.

20 (2) NOT TRUSTED.—The term “not trusted”
21 means, with respect to an entity, that the entity is
22 determined by the Assistant Secretary to pose an
23 unacceptable risk to the national security of the
24 United States, or the security and safety of United
25 States persons, based solely on 1 or more of the de-

1 terminations described in paragraphs (1) through
2 (4) of section 2(c) of the Secure and Trusted Com-
3 munications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C.
4 1601(e)).

5 (3) TRUSTED.—The term “trusted” means,
6 with respect to an entity, that the Assistant Sec-
7 retary has not determined that the entity is not
8 trusted.

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