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H. R. 9293

To direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security to provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on challenges relating to information operations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLOTKIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

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. BRIEFING ON CHALLENGES RELATING TO IN-**
4 **FORMATION OPERATIONS.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
6 ings:

7 (1) Information operations play a critical role in
8 the ability for United States policymakers, intel-

1 ligence professionals, national security operators,
2 and others to influence operational environments in
3 key theaters worldwide.

4 (2) Information operations, through military in-
5 formation support operations, allow the United
6 States to be proactive, shaping events rather than
7 reacting to them.

8 (3) However, persistent challenges remain
9 across the enduring, deliberate, and dynamic time
10 horizons, including—

11 (A) lack of awareness and situational un-
12 derstanding of the information environment;

13 (B) lack of understanding of influence
14 messaging time horizons; and

15 (C) lack of support to target audience
16 analysis and assessment of United States oper-
17 ational efforts in the information environment.

18 (b) BRIEFING.—The Under Secretary of Defense for
19 Intelligence and Security shall provide to the congressional
20 defense committees a briefing on concrete steps taken by
21 the Department of Defense to address challenges relating
22 to information operations, in partnership with the intel-
23 ligence community, so United States information oper-
24 ations are better integrated across the whole of Govern-
25 ment.

1 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) The term “congressional defense commit-
3 tees” has the meaning given such term in section
4 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

5 (2) The term “intelligence community” has the
6 meaning given such term in section 3(4) of the Na-
7 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4)).

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