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At the end of title LVIII of division E, insert the following:

SEC. 5806. REPORT ON INAUTHENTIC SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Director of National Intelligence, and the heads of other relevant agencies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the use of inauthentic social media accounts or other services, funded by foreign governments, to harass United States persons.

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) The identification of specific countries that fund, either directly or indirectly (including through third-parties, shell companies, or proxies), inauthentic social media accounts or other services exhibiting inauthentic behavior used to engage in a
consistent pattern of acts of intimidation or harass-
ment directed against individuals in the United
States.

(2) A detailed social network analysis on spe-
cific countries identified pursuant to paragraph (1),
including how foreign governments, and actors work-
ing on their behalf, spread information across social
media networks and other services to harass and in-
timidate individuals in the United States.

(c) FORM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The report required under
subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified
form and posted on a public Department of State
website.

(2) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—The portions of the
report described in subsection (b) may contain a
classified annex if such classified annex is provided
separately from the unclassified report.

(d) SPECIFIC COUNTRY DEFINED.—In this section,
the term “specific country” means any country within the
area of responsibility of the United States Central Com-
mand or United States Africa Command area of responsi-
bility that—

(1) receives security assistance under Title 10
or Title 22 authorities; or
(2) hosts United States military personnel other than those permanently assigned to a United States Embassy in that country.