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Add at the end of subtitle B of title XVIII the following:

SEC. 1824. STRATEGY ON UNITED STATE EXPORTS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the People’s Republic of China’s telecommunication industry poses a threat to the United States and allied countries’ digital supply chains and national security interests, including toward countries in Africa;

(2) the People’s Republic of China’s dominance across the African continent in providing telecommunications equipment given reports that telecommunications equipment could be used to spy on, intercept, or shut down sensitive communications, including by American personnel in country;

(3) African countries and African allies to the United States recognize the importance of diversifying their digital telecommunications and infra-
structure for the betterment of its economies and se-
curity objectives;

(4) the United States should seek to promote
and export telecommunications equipment with at
least some American components to create jobs in
the United States, bolster our economy, and to help
African partner countries secure reliable and trusted
telecommunications equipment; and

(5) the United States should promote inter-
national policies to protect the integrity of the
United States and international telecommunication
infrastructure from foreign-based threats.

(b) STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the
date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
in consultation with the Director of the United States
Trade and Development Agency, and the Chief Executive
Officer of the United States Development Finance Cor-
poration, shall submit to Committee on Foreign Affairs
of the House of representatives and the Committee on
Foreign Relations of the Senate a strategy, including a
plan, to bolster United States exports of telecommuni-
cations equipment and services to countries on the con-
tinent of Africa.

(c) ELEMENTS.—The strategy and plan required
under subsection (b) shall include the following:
(1) Current hurdles to promoting United States exports of telecommunications equipment or services examining markets for the following:

(A) Telecommunications equipment.

(B) Cloud computing and data storage services.

(C) Mobile network provision.

(2) An analysis of whether additional restrictions should be placed on Chinese telecommunications equipment providers, including Huawei and ZTE.

(3) Any additional recommended authorities Congress should consider that would aid the export of United States telecommunications equipment and services.

(d) FORM.—The strategy and plan required under subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form.