

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. BEGICH OF ALASKA

At the end of subtitle D of title X, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 10__.** **ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
2 **FENSE NETWORK OF ARCTIC WATCHTOWER**
3 **SITES.**

4 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Defense
5 shall establish a network of watchtower sites located in
6 the Arctic region for the purposes of—

7 (1) enhancing sustained observational, intel-
8 ligence, surveillance, and mission capabilities with
9 respect to operations of the Armed Forces and ac-
10 tivities of the Department of Defense carried out in
11 such region; and

12 (2) expanding cutting-edge, applied research ca-
13 pabilities based in such region, including with re-
14 spect to the uses and applications described in sub-
15 section (c).

16 (b) **CONSTRUCTION AND FIELDING.**—In carrying out
17 subsection (a), the Secretary may construct or field watch-

1 tower sites in such number as may be necessary for the
2 network required under such subsection.

3 (c) USES AND APPLICATIONS OF NETWORK.—The
4 uses and applications described in this subsection in-
5 clude—

6 (1) data collection;

7 (2) modeling;

8 (3) observation;

9 (4) forecasting;

10 (5) activities relating to autonomous systems;

11 and

12 (6) predictive analyses.

13 (d) COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS.—In car-
14 rying out this section, the Secretary shall seek to enter
15 into partnerships with the heads of other Federal depart-
16 ments and agencies, Tribal governments, academia and
17 other research entities, and private industry, for the pur-
18 pose of collaborating with such partners with respect to
19 uses and applications of the network established under
20 subsection (a).

21 (e) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
23 to the congressional defense committees a report on—

24 (1) the status of the establishment of the net-
25 work under subsection (a);

1 (2) the capabilities of the Department available
2 to support such network, and uses and applications
3 thereof, as of the date of the submission of the re-
4 port;

5 (3) any future capabilities or resources nec-
6 essary for such support; and

7 (4) a timeline for the completed establishment
8 and full operational use of such network.

