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At the end of subtitle C of title VIII, add the following new section:

SEC. 8. ENSURING CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY IMPACTS OF URANIUM AS A CRITICAL MINERAL.

(a) In general.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Commerce, shall conduct an assessment of the effect on national security that would result from uranium ceasing to be designated as a critical mineral by the Secretary of the Interior under section 7002(c) of the Energy Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-260; 30 U.S.C. 1606(c)).

(b) Report.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the findings of the assessment conducted under subsection (a), including—

(1) the effects of the loss of domestic uranium production on—

(A) Federal national security programs, including any existing and potential future uses
of unobligated uranium originating from domestic sources; and

(B) the energy security of the United States;

(2) a description of the extent of the reliance of the United States on imports of uranium from foreign sources, including from state-owned entities, to supply fuel for commercial reactors; and

(3) the effects of such reliance and other factors on the domestic production, conversion, fabrication, and enrichment of uranium.

(c) Uranium Critical Mineral Designation Change Restricted.—Notwithstanding section 7002(c) of the Energy Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-260; 30 U.S.C. 1606(c)), until the submission of the report required under subsection (b), the designation of uranium as a critical mineral pursuant to such section may not be altered or eliminated.