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OFFERED BY MR. COFFMAN OF COLORADO

At the end of subtitle A of title XVI, add the following new section:

SEC. 16. BRIEFING ON COMMERCIAL SATELLITE SERVICING CAPABILITIES.

(a) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, shall jointly provide the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and to any other appropriate congressional committee upon request, a briefing detailing the costs, risks, and operational benefits of leveraging commercial satellite servicing capabilities for national security satellite systems.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The briefing under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A prioritized list, with rationale, of operational and planned assets of the Department of Defense that could be enhanced by satellite servicing missions.
(2) The costs, risks, and benefits of integrating satellite servicing capabilities as a part of operational resilience.

(3) Potential strategies that could allow future national security space systems to leverage commercial in-orbit servicing capabilities where appropriate and feasible.

(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committee” means—

(1) the congressional defense committees;

(2) the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; and

(3) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.