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At the end of title XIII, add the following:

SEC. __. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the commitment of the trilateral security agreement between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States (in this section referred to as “AUKUS”), and specifically the United States, to develop an Australian nuclear-powered submarine capability through Pillar I of AUKUS is necessary to deter aggression in the Indo-Pacific region;

(2) the value of United States-made undersea platforms is an unmatched, asymmetric advantage across the globe, particularly vis-à-vis the Chinese naval fleet, but the People’s Liberation Army Navy’s undersea capabilities are quickly amassing and closing the gap as United States production fails to keep pace;

(3) it is essential to maintain a minimum production rate of two submarines a year for the United States to meet its own national security requirements, and to support AUKUS goals it will require
an expansion of the submarine industrial base and
production capacity;

(4) achieving the undersea goals of AUKUS—and
achieving an allied and significant SSN Indo-
Pacific theater presence—will be a multi-decade and
multi-generational effort that will require substantial
financial investment and time by the three countries
of AUKUS;

(5) similarly, it is essential that in the build-up
to assuming independent capabilities, the Australian
submarine industrial base is properly trained to
maintain and sustain nuclear-powered submarines
and manage associated security activities, as is such
with the United States and United Kingdom; and

(6) balancing the needs of the United States at
home with AUKUS’s strategic security imperatives
are not mutually exclusive aims, nor are the chal-
lenges beyond the resolve of the three countries of
AUKUS, and it is critical that the three countries
embark upon the preparatory activities that will lead
to the success of Pillar I of AUKUS.

SEC. 2. AUSTRALIA, UNITED KINGDOM, AND UNITED
STATES SUBMARINE SECURITY TRAINING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The President may transfer or
authorize the export of defense services to the Government
of Australia under the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) that may also be directly exported to Australian private-sector personnel to support the development of the Australian submarine industrial base necessary for submarine security activities under AUKUS, including in cases in which such private-sector personnel are not officers, employees, or agents of the Government of Australia.

(b) Application of Requirements for Further Transfer.—Any transfer of defense services to the Government of Australia pursuant to subsection (a) to persons other than those directly provided such defense services pursuant to such subsection shall only be made in accordance with the requirements of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.).