Add at the end of subtitle G of title XII the following:

SEC. 12. ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR COUNTERING POLITICAL WARFARE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall establish a Center of Excellence (in this section referred to as the “Center”) for researching political warfare and developing a whole-of-government response for countering near-peer political warfare threats.

(b) PURPOSE.—The Center shall serve as a platform for the United States and its allies and partners to engage in and share research, promote dialogue, and build capacity for countering near-peer political warfare.

(c) ACTIVITIES.—The Center may—

(1) identify and conduct research into political warfare campaigns targeted against the United States and its territories, democracies, and other like-minded countries by state and non-state actors;
(2) conduct trainings and briefings for the purpose of educating government and non-government stakeholders and enhancing resilience and interoperability between participants;

(3) serve as a conduit for engaging with experts and practitioners from a wide range of professional sectors and disciplines to improve situational awareness and research political warfare and develop methods for countering threats described in this section; and

(4) carry out any other activities of benefit to the study, identification, and countering of political warfare operations.

(d) ENGAGEMENTS.—The Secretary of State may engage with governments of like-minded countries, giving priority to treaty-allies for the purpose of increasing engagements between the Center and the international community.