

**AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. NUNN OF IOWA**

At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12___ . JOINT UNITED STATES-TAIWAN RESEARCH, DE-**
2 **VELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordination
5 with the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation
6 Agency, shall seek to carry out with Taiwan a joint re-
7 search, development, test, and evaluation program (in this
8 section referred to as the “Program”) to accelerate the
9 development and transition of unmanned aircraft systems
10 and counter-UAS systems.

11 (b) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the Pro-
12 gram, the Secretary may, with respect to unmanned air-
13 craft systems and counter-UAS systems—

14 (1) research, develop, test, and evaluate such
15 systems, and related enabling technologies, jointly
16 with Taiwan, including by prototyping;

17 (2) fund the development of critical components
18 of such systems, including sensors, autonomy soft-

1 ware, control systems, communications modules, and
2 propulsion technologies;

3 (3) test, evaluate, and experiment with respect
4 to such systems in relevant operational environments
5 jointly with Taiwan;

6 (4) integrate systems developed under the Pro-
7 gram into exercises, demonstrations, and operational
8 use; and

9 (5) transition systems and technologies devel-
10 oped under the Program to production using avail-
11 able authorities.

12 (c) PRIORITIES.—In carrying out the Program, the
13 Secretary shall prioritize systems and technologies that—

14 (1) address capability gaps identified by the
15 Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Com-
16 mand;

17 (2) demonstrate the capability to transition to
18 production and operational use within 24 to 36
19 months; and

20 (3) support interoperability and integration
21 with respect to the United States Armed Forces and
22 the military forces of Taiwan.

23 (d) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall ensure that
24 activities under the Program—

1 (1) are coordinated with the Commander of the
2 United States Indo-Pacific Command;

3 (2) leverage contributions from Taiwan, includ-
4 ing financial and in-kind support; and

5 (3) align with existing security cooperation and
6 technology development programs.

7 (e) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
9 thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary shall submit to the
10 congressional defense committees a report that—

11 (1) identifies activities funded under the Pro-
12 gram and the funding levels of such activities;

13 (2) evaluates progress toward testing, produc-
14 tion, or operational use of systems developed under
15 the Program;

16 (3) describes contributions to the Program from
17 Taiwan, including financial and in-kind support;

18 (4) evaluates alignment of the Program with
19 operational requirements of the United States Indo-
20 Pacific Command; and

21 (5) identifies barriers to transitioning systems
22 and technologies developed under the Program and
23 provides recommendations to address such barriers.

24 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) COUNTER-UAS SYSTEM; UNMANNED AIR-
2 CRAFT SYSTEM.—The terms “counter-UAS system”
3 and “unmanned aircraft system” have the meanings
4 given such terms in section 44801 of title 49, United
5 States Code.

6 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under
8 Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

