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At the end of title VII, add the following new section:

SEC. 7. CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF INTELLIGENCE-RELATED ACTIVITIES CONNECTED TO OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY MISSIONS AND OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ, KUWAIT, AND SYRIA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The heads of the elements of the intelligence community shall authorize and facilitate meaningful access and assistance to Members of Congress of the committees of jurisdiction if any such Member of Congress has made a reasonable request to the chair and ranking member of such committee, and to the chair and ranking member of the relevant subcommittee of such committee, to conduct firsthand oversight of intelligence-related activities connected to overseas contingency missions and operations of the United States in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, or Syria through participation in a congressional delegation.
(b) COOPERATION.—The heads of the elements of the intelligence community shall ensure that any access or assistance authorized and facilitated under subsection (a) shall be carried out in cooperation with the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, the Lead Inspector General for Overseas Contingency Operations, and other relevant inspectors general.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—The term “Member of Congress” includes a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

(2) COMMITTEES OF JURISDICTION.—The term “committees of jurisdiction” means—

(A) the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.