

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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At the end of subtitle B of title XVII insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17___ . REPORT ON INTERNET FREEDOM IN IRAN.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
3 date of the enactment of the Act, the Secretary of State,
4 in consultation with the Federal Communications Com-
5 mission and the Department of the Treasury, shall pre-
6 pare and submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations
7 of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
8 the House of Representatives a report that updates and
9 supplements the report required under section 5124 of the
10 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
11 (22 U.S.C. 8754a).

12 (b) ADDITIONAL MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Up-
13 dates to the strategy required in section 5124 of the Na-
14 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (22
15 U.S.C. 8754a), shall also include the following:

16 (1) An assessment of the feasibility of using di-
17 rect-to-cell wireless communications technologies to
18 expand internet access for the people of Iran, includ-

1 ing technical, regulatory, and security consider-
2 ations.

3 (2) An analysis of how drone-based platforms,
4 signal jamming technologies, and related counter-
5 measures could impact the feasibility, security, eco-
6 nomics, and resilience of such direct-to-cell wireless
7 communications.

8 (3) A survey of terrestrial and non-terrestrial
9 telecommunications service providers currently active
10 in Iran, including—

11 (A) whether such providers are state-
12 owned or state-controlled;

13 (B) the extent of foreign participation or
14 investment in such providers; and

15 (C) the implications of such ownership and
16 control for communications freedom and censor-
17 ship.

18 (4) Any other relevant information to assess the
19 opportunities and risks associated with terrestrial
20 and non-terrestrial communications technologies in
21 Iran.

22 (5) An analysis of the effectiveness of low-
23 Earth-orbit (LEO) satellite internet constellation
24 systems in providing accessible internet to Iranians
25 during the January 2026 Iranian protests, the needs

1 of Iranian civil society in being able to ensure reli-
2 able access to such systems when the Government of
3 Iran cuts access to the internet, existing capabilities
4 of LEO satellite internet constellation systems in
5 circumventing jamming, the per user cost of pro-
6 viding LEO satellite internet constellation systems,
7 and recommendations for technology improvements
8 to LEO satellite internet constellation systems to be
9 able to resist jamming technologies to ensure the
10 Iranian people's access to the global internet. This
11 analysis should also include an assessment of phys-
12 ical and digital security vulnerabilities for LEO sat-
13 ellite internet users in Iran and recommendations
14 for how to mitigate those concerns. The analysis and
15 assessment shall have a classified annex.

16 (6) An assessment of the feasibility of including
17 readily available commercial "off-the-shelf" tech-
18 nologies to be eligible for the grant program outlined
19 in section 5124 of the National Defense Authoriza-
20 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (22 U.S.C. 8754a)
21 that—

22 (A) could facilitate unrestricted access to
23 the global internet in Iran;

1 (B) could be integrated into already avail-
2 able commercial technologies that civil society
3 and the people of Iran have access to;

4 (C) could reasonably shield the personal
5 data of users from the Government of Iran; and

6 (D) has some degree of resilience against
7 countermeasures that the Government of Iran
8 could employ when cutting off the global inter-
9 net.

10 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
11 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
12 a classified annex.

