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Add at the end the following:

1 SEC. __. REPORT ON IRANIAN INTERNET CENSORSHIP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of State shall jointly submit to Congress a report regarding Iranian internet censorship and applicable United States licensing requirements. Such report shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the Iranian Government’s ability to impose internet shutdowns, censor the internet, and track Iranian dissidents, labor organizers, political activists, or human rights defenders inside Iran through targeted digital surveillance or other digital means.

(2) An assessment of the impact of General License D-2, issued on September 23, 2022, on the availability of private communications tools inside Iran, including encryption tools to assist the people of Iran in circumventing targeted digital surveillance by the Iranian Government.

(3) A determination of whether additional updates to General License D-2 or other licenses are
needed to keep up with the pace of technology and
ensure that United States restrictions do not unin-
tentionally inhibit the flow of vital communication
tools to the people of Iran, including cloud tech-
ology, hardware, software, and services incident to
personal communications, including set-top boxes
(STB), satellites, and web developer tools.

(4) A strategy to ensure that resources are
available for digital rights experts to study Iran’s
online repression and identify opportunities to
counter it.

(5) A strategy to prevent the Government of
Iran from acquiring or developing tools that could be
exploited against activists, including facial recogni-
tion software.

(b) FORM.—The report required pursuant to sub-
section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
include a classified annex if such annex is provided sepa-
rately from such unclassified version.

(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “targeted
digital surveillance” means the use of items or services
that enable an individual or entity (with or without the
knowing authorization of the product’s owner) to detect,
monitor, intercept, collect, exploit, preserve, protect, trans-
mit, retain, or otherwise gain access to the communica-
tions, sensitive or protected information, work product,
browsing data, research, identifying information, location
history, or online or offline activities of other individuals,
organizations, or entities.