AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. GALLAGHER OF WISCONSIN

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following new section:

SEC. 10. REPORT ON NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS TO STRATEGIC PORTS.

(a) In General.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, a federally funded research and development center, commissioned by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, shall provide a written, unclassified report (with a classified appendix if necessary) to the appropriate congressional committees identifying—

(1) a list of strategic ports as determined using the results from section 1259 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263);

(2) activities as well as plans executed by malign actors to expand overseas control of strategic ports and how their presence could potentially harm United States security interests and the interests of our allies and partners; and
(3) steps the United States Government should take to ensure open access and security for strategic ports.

(b) CONTENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) A detailed list of all known strategic ports operated, controlled, or owned by the PRC (including minority stakes), and the national security and economic interests relevant to each strategic port.

(2) A detailed list of all strategic ports outside the United States and the national security and economic interests relevant to each strategic port.

(3) Analysis of the PRC’s activities and actions to gain control or ownership of strategic ports, and, if appropriate, how the strategic port connects to other transportation infrastructure in furtherance of broader PRC objectives, including those related to the PRC’s Belt and Road Initiative.

(4) An assessment of how the PRC plans to expand its overseas control of strategic ports.

(5) A suggested strategy, developed in consultation with relevant United States Government offices, that suggests courses of action to deny or challenge
PRC control and to ensure open access and security for strategic ports, including—

(A) a list of relevant existing authorities that can be used to carry out the stated strategy; and

(B) a list of any additional authorities necessary to carry out the stated strategy.

(c) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Section 6526 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) is amended in subsection (b) by inserting “and annually thereafter for a period not to exceed 4 years,” after “of this Act,”.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;

(B) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;

(C) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

(D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.
(2) PRC.—The term “PRC” means the People’s Republic of China.

(3) Relevant United States Government Office.—The term “relevant United States Government office” means the following:

(A) The Unified Combatant Commands.

(B) The Office of the Secretary of Defense.

(C) The Department of State.

(D) The International Development Finance Corporation.

(E) The Export-Import Bank of the United States.

(4) Strategic Port.—The term “strategic port” means an international port or waterway that a relevant United States Government office determines to be critical to United States national security and economic prosperity.