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At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following new section:

SEC. _____. DESIGNATION OF ACADEMIC LIAISON TO PROTECT AGAINST EMERGING THREATS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, shall do the following:

(1) Designate an official serving within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering to work with the academic and research communities to protect academic research funded by the Department of Defense from undue foreign influences and threats.

(2) Set forth the responsibilities of the official designated under paragraph (1), including—

(A) serving as the liaison of the Department of Defense with the academic and research communities;
(B) carrying out initiatives of the Department related to the protection of academic research funded by the Department from undue foreign influences and threats, including the initiatives established under section 1286 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (10 U.S.C. 2358 note);

(C) not less frequently than once a year, conducting outreach and education activities for the academic and research community about undue foreign influences and threats to academic research that is funded by the Department;

(D) coordinating and aligning the policies relating to academic research security of—

(i) the elements of the Department specified in section 111(b) of title 10, United States Code;

(ii) the intelligence community;

(iii) Federal science agencies;

(iv) the Office of Science and Technology Policy; and

(v) Federal regulatory agencies; and

(E) working with the intelligence community to the maximum extent practicable to share
with the academic and research communities, at
least annually, unclassified information, includ-
ing counterintelligence information, on threats
from undue foreign influences.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
tion shall be construed as authorizing the official des-
ignated under subsection (a)(1) to classify academic re-
search in a manner that is inconsistent with the policies
of the Department of Defense or the National Security
Decision Directive Numbered 189 of September 21, 1985,
titled “National Policy on the Transfer of Scientific, Tech-
nical and Engineering Information”, or any successor di-
rective.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCIES.—The
term “Federal regulatory agencies” means the De-
partment of Defense, the Department of Commerce,
the Department of State, the Department of Justice,
the Department of Energy, the Department of the
Treasury, the Department of Homeland Security,
and the National Archives and Records Administra-
tion.

(2) FEDERAL SCIENCE AGENCIES.—The term
“Federal science agencies” means each agency (as
such term is defined in section 551 of title 5, United
States Code) that obligated or expended not less than $100,000,000 in the previous fiscal year for research and development.

(3) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—the term “intelligence community” has the meaning given such term in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).