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At the end of division B, add the following:

Subtitle G—Next-generation Combat Vehicle and Network Priorities of the Army Futures Command

SEC. 10671. SUPPORT FOR NEXT-GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Commerce, pursuant to the authority provided under section 9902(a) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283), shall allocate funds to—

(1) support the next-generation combat vehicle and mobile and expeditionary network priorities of the Army Futures Command;

(2) facilitate strategic venture investments into domestic micro-electronic and microchip manufacturing and innovation in support of ground vehicle systems capabilities and automotive production; and
(3) support investment in domestic microelectronic prototyping, assembly, packaging, and testing capacity.

(b) COORDINATION WITH COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIES.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary of Commerce shall allocate a portion of funds to support entities and capabilities that serve the needs of the commercial automotive industry, manufacturing industries, and other commercial industries critical to the defense innovation base to ensure that American equipment remains competitive with that of near peer adversaries.

(c) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—In recommending members of the Industrial Advisory Committee established under 9906(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) to the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Defense shall consult with the Army Venture Capital Initiative, Army Futures Command, AFWERX, the Defense Innovation Unit, the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center, NavalX, and the United States Special Operations Command to ensure that the perspectives of national security focused venture capital innovators are incorporated into the national strategy on microelectronics research.
(d) INVESTMENT INITIATIVE.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the Secretary of the Army and the Army Venture Capital Initiative, shall establish and carry out an investment initiative to encourage innovation and capacity in the domestic micro-electronics industrial base. Such initiative shall be treated as an investment fund required under section 9906(c)(2)(B) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283).

(e) NATIONAL ADVANCED PACKAGING MANUFACTURING PROGRAM.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary of Commerce shall coordinate with the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the Army Venture Capital Initiative to ensure that the National Advanced Packaging Manufacturing Program described in 9906(d) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) takes the needs of Army Futures Command (including the Ground Vehicle Systems Center) and the commercial automotive industry into account particularly with respect to investments—

(1) in domestic capability and capacity for the advanced testing, assembly, and packaging of semiconductors: and
(2) that reduce American reliance on foreign entities of concern.

(f) **Army Venture Capital Initiative Defined.**—In this section, the term Army Venture Capital Initiative means the venture capital investment corporation established pursuant to section 8150 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2002 (division A of Public Law 107–117).