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To require a report on Federal support to the cybersecurity of commercial satellite systems, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. PETERS

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-

2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Satellite Cybersecurity

5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) CLEARINGHOUSE.—The term “clearing-

9 house” means the commercial satellite system cyber-

10 security clearinghouse required to be developed and

11 maintained under section 4(b)(1).

1 (2) COMMERCIAL SATELLITE SYSTEM.—The
2 term “commercial satellite system”—

3 (A) means a system that—

4 (i) is owned or operated by a non-
5 Federal entity based in the United States;
6 and

7 (ii) is composed of not less than 1
8 earth satellite; and

9 (B) includes—

10 (i) any ground support infrastructure
11 for each satellite in the system; and

12 (ii) any transmission link among and
13 between any satellite in the system and
14 any ground support infrastructure in the
15 system.

16 (3) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
17 “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given the
18 term in subsection (e) of the Critical Infrastructure
19 Protection Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

20 (4) CYBERSECURITY RISK.—The term “cyberse-
21 curity risk” has the meaning given the term in sec-
22 tion 2209 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
23 U.S.C. 659).

24 (5) CYBERSECURITY THREAT.—The term “cy-
25 bersecurity threat” has the meaning given the term

1 in section 102 of the Cybersecurity Information
2 Sharing Act of 2015 (6 U.S.C. 1501).

3 (6) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
4 the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure
5 Security Agency.

6 (7) SECTOR RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY.—The
7 term “sector risk management agency” has the
8 meaning given the term “Sector-Specific Agency” in
9 section 2201 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
10 (6 U.S.C. 651).

11 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON COMMERCIAL SATELLITE CYBERSECURITY.**
12 **RITY.**

13 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
14 States shall conduct a study on the actions the Federal
15 Government has taken to support the cybersecurity of
16 commercial satellite systems, including as part of any ac-
17 tion to address the cybersecurity of critical infrastructure
18 sectors.

19 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
20 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the
21 United States shall report to the Committee on Homeland
22 Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on
23 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
24 the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee
25 on Space, Science, and Technology of the House of Rep-

1 representatives on the study conducted under subsection (a),
2 which shall include information—

3 (1) on efforts of the Federal Government, and
4 the effectiveness of those efforts, to—

5 (A) address or improve the cybersecurity of
6 commercial satellite systems; and

7 (B) support related efforts with inter-
8 national entities or the private sector;

9 (2) on the resources made available to the pub-
10 lic by Federal agencies to address cybersecurity risks
11 and threats to commercial satellite systems, includ-
12 ing resources made available through the clearing-
13 house;

14 (3) on the extent to which commercial satellite
15 systems are reliant on, or relied on by, critical infra-
16 structure;

17 (4) that includes an analysis of how commercial
18 satellite systems and the threats to those systems
19 are integrated into Federal and non-Federal critical
20 infrastructure risk analyses and protection plans;

21 (5) on the extent to which Federal agencies are
22 reliant on commercial satellite systems and how Fed-
23 eral agencies mitigate cybersecurity risks associated
24 with those systems;

1 (6) on the extent to which Federal agencies are
2 reliant on commercial satellite systems that are
3 owned wholly or in part or controlled by foreign enti-
4 ties, or that have infrastructure in foreign countries,
5 and how Federal agencies mitigate associated cyber-
6 security risks;

7 (7) on the extent to which Federal agencies co-
8 ordinate or duplicate authorities and take other ac-
9 tions focused on the cybersecurity of commercial sat-
10 ellite systems; and

11 (8) as determined appropriate by the Comp-
12 troller General of the United States, that includes
13 recommendations for further Federal action to sup-
14 port the cybersecurity of commercial satellite sys-
15 tems, including recommendations on information
16 that should be shared through the clearinghouse.

17 (c) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out subsections (a)
18 and (b), the Comptroller General of the United States
19 shall coordinate with appropriate Federal agencies and or-
20 ganizations, including—

- 21 (1) the Office of the National Cyber Director;
- 22 (2) the Department of Homeland Security;
- 23 (3) the Department of Commerce;
- 24 (4) the Department of Defense;
- 25 (5) the Department of Transportation;

1 (6) the Federal Communications Commission;

2 (7) the National Aeronautics and Space Admin-
3 istration;

4 (8) the National Executive Committee for
5 Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing;
6 and

7 (9) the National Space Council.

8 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 2 years after the date
9 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the
10 United States shall provide a briefing to the appropriate
11 congressional committees on the study conducted under
12 subsection (a).

13 (e) CLASSIFICATION.—The report made under sub-
14 section (b) shall be unclassified but may include a classi-
15 fied annex.

16 **SEC. 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CYBERSECURITY AND**
17 **INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY.**

18 (a) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN DEFINED.—In this
19 section, the term “small business concern” has the mean-
20 ing given the term in section 3 of the Small Business Act
21 (15 U.S.C. 632).

22 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMERCIAL SATELLITE
23 SYSTEM CYBERSECURITY CLEARINGHOUSE.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
25 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director

1 shall develop and maintain a commercial satellite
2 system cybersecurity clearinghouse.

3 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The clearinghouse—

4 (A) shall be publicly available online;

5 (B) shall contain publicly available com-
6 mercial satellite system cybersecurity resources,
7 including the voluntary recommendations con-
8 solidated under subsection (c)(1);

9 (C) shall contain appropriate materials for
10 reference by entities that develop, operate, or
11 maintain commercial satellite systems;

12 (D) shall contain materials specifically
13 aimed at assisting small business concerns with
14 the secure development, operation, and mainte-
15 nance of commercial satellite systems; and

16 (E) may contain controlled unclassified in-
17 formation distributed to commercial entities
18 through a process determined appropriate by
19 the Director.

20 (3) CONTENT MAINTENANCE.—The Director
21 shall maintain current and relevant cybersecurity in-
22 formation on the clearinghouse.

23 (4) EXISTING PLATFORM OR WEBSITE.—To the
24 extent practicable, the Director shall establish and
25 maintain the clearinghouse using an online platform,

1 a website, or a capability in existence as of the date
2 of enactment of this Act.

3 (c) CONSOLIDATION OF COMMERCIAL SATELLITE
4 SYSTEM CYBERSECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall consoli-
6 date voluntary cybersecurity recommendations de-
7 signed to assist in the development, maintenance,
8 and operation of commercial satellite systems.

9 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The recommendations
10 consolidated under paragraph (1) shall include mate-
11 rials appropriate for a public resource addressing, to
12 the greatest extent practicable, the following:

13 (A) Risk-based, cybersecurity-informed en-
14 gineering, including continuous monitoring and
15 resiliency.

16 (B) Planning for retention or recovery of
17 positive control of commercial satellite systems
18 in the event of a cybersecurity incident.

19 (C) Protection against unauthorized access
20 to vital commercial satellite system functions.

21 (D) Physical protection measures designed
22 to reduce the vulnerabilities of a commercial
23 satellite system's command, control, and telem-
24 etry receiver systems.

1 (E) Protection against jamming, eaves-
2 dropping, hijacking, computer network exploi-
3 tation, spoofing, threats to optical satellite com-
4 munications, and electromagnetic pulse.

5 (F) Security against threats throughout a
6 commercial satellite system's mission lifetime.

7 (G) Management of supply chain risks that
8 affect the cybersecurity of commercial satellite
9 systems.

10 (H) Protection against vulnerabilities
11 posed by ownership of commercial satellite sys-
12 tems or commercial satellite system companies
13 by foreign entities.

14 (I) Protection against vulnerabilities posed
15 by locating physical infrastructure, such as sat-
16 ellite ground control systems, in foreign coun-
17 tries.

18 (J) As appropriate, and as applicable pur-
19 suant to the maintenance requirement under
20 subsection (b)(3), relevant findings and rec-
21 ommendations from the study conducted by the
22 Comptroller General of the United States under
23 section 3(a).

24 (K) Any other recommendations to ensure
25 the confidentiality, availability, and integrity of

1 data residing on or in transit through commer-
2 cial satellite systems.

3 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—In implementing this sec-
4 tion, the Director shall—

5 (1) to the extent practicable, carry out the im-
6 plementation in partnership with the private sector;

7 (2) coordinate with—

8 (A) the Office of the National Cyber Direc-
9 tor, the National Space Council, and the head
10 of any other agency determined appropriate by
11 the Office of the National Cyber Director or the
12 National Space Council; and

13 (B) the heads of appropriate Federal agen-
14 cies with expertise and experience in satellite
15 operations, including the entities described in
16 section 3(c), to enable—

17 (i) the alignment of Federal efforts on
18 commercial satellite system cybersecurity;

19 and

20 (ii) to the extent practicable, consist-
21 ency in Federal recommendations relating
22 to commercial satellite system cybersecu-
23 rity; and

24 (3) consult with non-Federal entities developing
25 commercial satellite systems or otherwise supporting

1 the cybersecurity of commercial satellite systems, in-
2 cluding private, consensus organizations that develop
3 relevant standards.

4 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter until
6 the date that is 9 years after the date of enactment of
7 this Act, the Director shall submit to the Committee on
8 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the
9 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
10 the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security and
11 the Committee on Space, Science, and Technology of the
12 House of Representatives a report summarizing—

13 (1) any partnership with the private sector de-
14 scribed in subsection (d)(1);

15 (2) any consultation with a non-Federal entity
16 described in subsection (d)(3);

17 (3) the coordination carried out pursuant to
18 subsection (d)(2);

19 (4) the establishment and maintenance of the
20 clearinghouse pursuant to subsection (b);

21 (5) the recommendations consolidated pursuant
22 to subsection (c)(1); and

23 (6) any feedback received by the Director on
24 the clearinghouse from non-Federal entities.

1 **SEC. 5. STRATEGY.**

2 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act, the National Space Council, jointly with
4 the Office of the National Cyber Director, in coordination
5 with the Director of the Office of Space Commerce and
6 the heads of other relevant agencies, shall submit to the
7 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
8 fairs and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
9 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
10 Homeland Security and the Committee on Space, Science,
11 and Technology of the House of Representatives a strat-
12 egy for the activities of Federal agencies to address and
13 improve the cybersecurity of commercial satellite systems,
14 which shall include an identification of—

15 (1) proposed roles and responsibilities for rel-
16 evant agencies; and

17 (2) as applicable, the extent to which cybersecu-
18 rity threats to such systems are addressed in Fed-
19 eral and non-Federal critical infrastructure risk
20 analyses and protection plans.

21 **SEC. 6. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**

22 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to—

23 (1) designate commercial satellite systems or
24 other space assets as a critical infrastructure sector;
25 or

1 (2) infringe upon or alter the authorities of the
2 agencies described in section 3(c).

3 **SEC. 7. SECTOR RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY TRANSFER.**

4 If the President designates an infrastructure sector
5 that includes commercial satellite systems as a critical in-
6 frastructure sector pursuant to the process established
7 under section 9002(b)(3) of the William M. (Mac) Thorn-
8 berry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
9 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 4770) and subse-
10 quently designates a sector risk management agency for
11 that critical infrastructure sector that is not the Cyberse-
12 curity and Infrastructure Security Agency, the President
13 may direct the Director to transfer the authorities of the
14 Director under section 4 of this Act to the head of the
15 designated sector risk management agency.