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To provide authority to enter into a cooperative agreement to protect civilians in Iraq and on the Arabian Peninsula from weaponized unmanned aerial systems.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the United States should improve coopera-
6 tion with allies, including Israel, and like-minded
7 partners to systematically map out, expose, and dis-
8 rupt missile and drone procurement networks used
9 by the Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen and

1 other Iranian proxies targeting United States forces
2 and assets and United States allies and partners in
3 the region;

4 (2) the partner countries of the United States,
5 including Iraq and countries on the Arabian Penin-
6 sula, face urgent and emerging threats from un-
7 manned aerial systems and other unmanned aerial
8 vehicles;

9 (3) joint research and development to counter
10 unmanned aerial systems will serve the national se-
11 curity interests of the United States and its partners
12 in Iraq and on the Arabian Peninsula;

13 (4) development of counter Unmanned Aircraft
14 Systems technology will reduce the impacts of these
15 attacks, build deterrence, and increase regional sta-
16 bility; and

17 (5) the United States and partners in Iraq and
18 on the Arabian Peninsula should continue to work
19 together to protect against the threat from un-
20 manned aerial systems.

21 **SEC. 2. DEFINED TERM.**

22 In this Act, the term "Arabian Peninsula" means
23 Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United
24 Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE**
2 **AGREEMENT TO PROTECT CIVILIANS IN IRAQ**
3 **AND ON THE ARABIAN PENINSULA FROM**
4 **WEAPONIZED UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President is authorized to
6 enter into a cooperative project agreement with Iraq and
7 countries on the Arabian Peninsula under the authority
8 of section 27 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.
9 2767) to carry out research on and development, testing,
10 evaluation, and joint production (including follow-on sup-
11 port) of defense articles and defense services to detect,
12 track, and destroy armed unmanned aerial systems that
13 threaten the United States and its partners in Iraq and
14 on the Arabian Peninsula.

15 (b) **APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS.**—

16 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The cooperative project
17 agreement described in subsection (a)—

18 (A) shall provide that any activities carried
19 out pursuant to such agreement are subject
20 to—

21 (i) the applicable requirements de-
22 scribed in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C)
23 of section 27(b)(2) of the Arms Export
24 Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2767(b)(2)); and

25 (ii) any other applicable requirements
26 of the Arms Export Control Act (22

1 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) with respect to the
2 use, transfer, and security of such defense
3 articles and defense services under such
4 Act; and

5 (B) shall establish a framework to nego-
6 tiate the rights to intellectual property devel-
7 oped under such agreement.

8 (2) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIRE-
9 MENTS.—Notwithstanding section 27(g) of the Arms
10 Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2767(g)), any de-
11 fense articles that result from a cooperative project
12 agreement shall be subject to the requirements
13 under subsections (b) and (c) of section 36 of such
14 Act (22 U.S.C. 2776).

15 **SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION WITH RESPECT TO USE**
16 **OF MILITARY FORCE.**

17 Nothing in this Act may be construed as an author-
18 ization for the use of military force.