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To express the Sense of Congress relating to the United States-India Defense Partnership.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KHANNA (for himself, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, and Mr. SHERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Financial Services, Oversight and Reform, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. UNITED STATES-INDIA DEFENSE PARTNER-**
4 **SHIP.**

5 (a) STRONG UNITED STATES-INDIA DEFENSE PART-
6 NERSHIP.—It is the sense of Congress that—

7 (1) a strong United States-India defense part-
8 nership, rooted in shared democratic values, is crit-

1 ical in order to advance United States interests in
2 the Indo-Pacific region; and

3 (2) this partnership between the world's oldest
4 and largest democracies is critical and must con-
5 tinue to be strengthened in response to increasing
6 threats in the Indo-Pacific regions, sending an un-
7 equivocal signal that sovereignty and international
8 law must be respected.

9 (b) UNITED STATES-INDIA INITIATIVE ON CRITICAL
10 AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES (ICET).—The Congress
11 finds that the United States-India Initiative on Critical
12 and Emerging Technologies (iCET) is a welcome and es-
13 sential step to developing closer partnerships between gov-
14 ernments, academia, and industry in the United States
15 and India to address the latest advances in artificial intel-
16 ligence, quantum computing, biotechnology, aerospace,
17 and semiconductor manufacturing. Such collaborations be-
18 tween engineers and computer scientists are vital to help
19 ensure that the United States and India, as well as other
20 democracies around the world, foster innovation and facili-
21 tate technological advances which continue to far outpace
22 Russian and Chinese technology.

23 (c) BORDER THREATS FROM CHINA AND RELIANCE
24 ON RUSSIAN-BUILT WEAPONS.—Congress recognizes
25 that—

1 (1) India faces immediate and serious regional
2 border threats from China, with continued military
3 aggression by the Government of China along the
4 India-China border,

5 (2) India relies on Russian-built weapons for its
6 national defense, and

7 (3) the United States should take additional
8 steps to encourage India to accelerate India's transi-
9 tion off Russian-built weapons and defense systems
10 while strongly supporting India's immediate defense
11 needs.

12 (d) WAIVER OF CAATSA SANCTIONS IN BEST IN-
13 TERESTS OF UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES-
14 INDIA DEFENSE PARTNERSHIP.—While India faces im-
15 mediate needs to maintain its heavily Russian-built weap-
16 ons systems, a waiver to sanctions under the Countering
17 America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act during this
18 transition period is in the best interests of the United
19 States and the United States-India defense partnership to
20 deter aggressors in light of Russia and China's close part-
21 nership.

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