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# H. R. 968

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Mr. TORRES of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Aerial Intelligence-col-  
5 lection Revelation Act of 2023” or the “AIR Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION OF FOREIGN SURVEILLANCE OB-**  
2 **JECTS.**

3 (a) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of  
4 Defense shall submit to Congress a written notification if  
5 any foreign surveillance object that enters the national air-  
6 space system without prior approval not later than 24  
7 hours after such object enters such system.

8 (b) DEFINITION OF FOREIGN SURVEILLANCE OB-  
9 JECT.—The term “foreign surveillance object” means any  
10 airborne object, including a balloon or unmanned aircraft,  
11 that—

- 12 (1) originated outside of the United States;  
13 (2) is not a scheduled passenger or cargo air-  
14 craft or any other airborne object with prior ap-  
15 proval to enter the national airspace system; and  
16 (3) is capable of carrying out surveillance ac-  
17 tivities.

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