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To ensure the maintenance of critical supply lines within the defense industrial base.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. HASSAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To ensure the maintenance of critical supply lines within the defense industrial base.

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. MAINTENANCE OF CRITICAL SUPPLY LINES.**

4 (a) ADDITION OF CERTAIN ITEMS TO LIST OF HIGH-
5 PRIORITY GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ANALYSES, REC-
6 OMMENDATIONS, AND ACTIONS RELATED TO SOURCING
7 AND INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY.—Section 849(c) of the Wil-
8 liam M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-
9 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
2 graph:

3 “(14) Unmanned aerial systems.”.

4 (b) DESIGNATION OF CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY
5 AREAS.—Section 217(b)(2) of the William M. (Mac)
6 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
7 Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “; and”
9 and inserting a semicolon;

10 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the semi-
11 colon and inserting “; and”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 paragraph:

14 “(C) a strategy to support domestic manu-
15 facturing and industrial base capabilities to
16 support future defense requirements;”.

17 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON ASSISTANT
18 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INDUSTRIAL BASE POL-
19 ICY.—

20 (1) BRIEFING AND REPORT.—Not later than
21 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
22 the Comptroller General of the United States shall
23 brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-
24 ate and the House of Representatives on the Comp-
25 troller General’s preliminary findings related to the

1 topics set forth in paragraph (2). The Comptroller
2 General shall submit to such committees a report
3 with a final description and assessment of such top-
4 ics at an agreed upon date.

5 (2) TOPICS COVERED.—The topics referred to
6 under paragraph (1) are as follows:

7 (A) The strategy, effectiveness, and re-
8 sponsibilities of the Assistant Secretary of De-
9 fense for Industrial Base Policy.

10 (B) The efforts of the Under Secretary of
11 Defense for Research and Engineering and the
12 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
13 Sustainment to assess the manufacturing and
14 procurement of critical materials, including de-
15 scribing the offices and individuals that are re-
16 sponsible for identifying critical materials sup-
17 ply chain shortfalls, how such shortfalls are
18 identified, and any variation in methods used
19 across the Department of Defense.

20 (C) The efforts of the Under Secretary of
21 Defense for Research and Engineering and the
22 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
23 Sustainment to implement procedures to protect
24 supply chains for critical programs and tech-
25 nologies and disseminate that information to

1 other appropriate Federal agencies and organi-
2 zations.

3 (D) Such other matters as the Comptroller
4 General determines appropriate.

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