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To require a plan for strengthening the supply chain intelligence function, to establish a National Supply Chain Intelligence Center, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRAPO 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. FINDINGS AND SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
5 ings:

6 (1) Fifth generation telecommunications tech-
7 nology (commonly referred to as “5G”), as well as
8 other emerging technologies, will revolutionize the
9 technology industry, becoming a vital part of day-to-

1 day business and life, and requires secure supply
2 chains for the national security of the United States.

3 (2) An insecure supply chain for products sup-
4 plied to the United States Government can lead to
5 a degradation of critical infrastructure and tech-
6 nology items that are essential to the defense of the
7 United States.

8 (3) The United States Government confronts
9 adversaries who seek to offset the military strength
10 of the United States through asymmetric, nonkinetic
11 actions that compromise and neutralize the decision-
12 making systems, processes, and warfighting capabili-
13 ties of the United States.

14 (4) These adversaries take advantage of the
15 open and democratic system of the United States
16 that prioritizes governmental transparency to con-
17 nect citizens with the actions of the Government.

18 (5) The National Defense Strategy identified
19 Russia and China as primary strategic competitors
20 of the United States.

21 (6) Russia and China seek to steal sensitive de-
22 fense information from the United States through
23 the use of blended espionage operations in the sup-
24 ply chain, supply chain activities, and cyberspace,
25 and through insider threat human actors.

1 (7) The actions of Russia and China go well be-
2 yond theft of critical military technology, threatening
3 the integrity and readiness of information and weap-
4 ons systems and potentially enabling key elements of
5 the strategies of an adversary to defeat the Armed
6 Forces of the United States across the spectrum of
7 conflict.

8 (8) According to some estimates, cybersecurity
9 spending in the United States from 2017 to 2021
10 will exceed \$1,000,000,000,000 among the public
11 and private sectors.

12 (9) Even with these large investments in cyber-
13 security, the United States remains vulnerable to ad-
14 vanced cyber actors like Russia and China.

15 (10) Since 2013, more than 6,000,000 indi-
16 vidual data records have been compromised every
17 day through data breaches, with nearly half of these
18 losses occurring in the Government sector.

19 (11) Large expenditures of resources and a pro-
20 tective strategy that relies on firewalls and bound-
21 aries that can be breached by a persistent actor are
22 clearly insufficient and completely ignore the supply
23 chain vector.

24 (12) Military weapons systems are not immune
25 to cyber vulnerabilities.

1 (13) An October 2018 Government Account-
2 ability Office report found that nearly all weapons
3 systems of the United States have cyber
4 vulnerabilities the scale of which the Department of
5 Defense is “just beginning to grapple with”.

6 (14) Furthermore, the report stated that de-
7 spite multiple warnings since the early 1990s, “cy-
8 bersecurity has not been a focus of weapon systems
9 acquisitions”.

10 (15) There have been numerous press stories
11 about data breaches and theft of United States sen-
12 sitive technology that prove that cyber vulnerabilities
13 are real and not theoretical.

14 (16) The Department of Defense will spend
15 more than \$1,600,000,000,000 to develop and field
16 its current portfolio of weapons systems.

17 (17) Conducting acquisitions without making
18 security resiliency a key discriminator in capability
19 development and contract award decisions could po-
20 tentially lead to additional losses of technological ad-
21 vantages of the Armed Forces and negate efforts to
22 improve the capabilities of the Armed Forces to
23 meet the National Defense Strategy.

24 (18) Software, hardware, and services supply
25 chains have proven to be major means through

1 which adversaries seek to gain access to weapons
2 systems and information and communications tech-
3 nology platforms and systems of the United States.

4 (19) Vulnerabilities in these critical areas intro-
5 duce unacceptable risks to human life and the ability
6 of the Armed Forces to execute the missions the
7 public of the United States expects of them.

8 (20) The establishment of the Protecting Crit-
9 ical Technology Task Force of the Department of
10 Defense and the Information and Communication
11 Technology Supply Chain Risk Management Task
12 Force of the Department of Homeland Security is a
13 welcome first step, but the United States Govern-
14 ment requires a fundamental security culture
15 change.

16 (21) The innovative technologies that will help
17 the Armed Forces, economy, and industry of the
18 United States maintain competitive advantages over
19 the competitors of the United States are developed
20 in private industry and in academia.

21 (22) Engagement to find solutions with indus-
22 try stakeholders and allied countries to mitigate the
23 clear, present, and rapidly evolving threats to the
24 national security of the United States is necessary.

1 (23) A national center to unify efforts across
2 the whole of government to strategically warn of and
3 support the mitigation of threats to supply chains
4 and supply chain activities is vital to the cybersecu-
5 rity, critical infrastructure, and national security of
6 the United States.

7 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
8 gress that—

9 (1) the United States Government should en-
10 deavor to deliver warfighting capabilities to oper-
11 ational forces without having critical information or
12 technology wittingly or unwittingly lost, stolen, or
13 modified;

14 (2) the Department of Defense and the whole
15 of the United States Government should adapt to
16 the challenges presented by adversaries while main-
17 taining as much transparency with the people of the
18 United States as possible;

19 (3) stronger effort should be placed on securing
20 the vast supply chains of the contractors responsible
21 for developing and producing the defense related ca-
22 pabilities of the United States;

23 (4) the efforts of the Department of Defense,
24 the Department of Homeland Security, and the Fed-
25 eral Acquisition Security Council to protect critical

1 technologies should be action oriented with clear out-
2 come expectations and chains of accountability;

3 (5) technology protection should begin long be-
4 fore a contract is signed between a contractor and
5 the United States Government;

6 (6) the United States Government should im-
7 prove its ability to collaborate to protect both the
8 open research environment and emerging military
9 technologies; and

10 (7) the United States Government should focus
11 on supply chain security to ensure that military sys-
12 tems and systems required for sensitive activities are
13 not acquired or operated in a compromised state.

14 **SEC. 2. PLAN FOR STRENGTHENING THE SUPPLY CHAIN IN-**
15 **TELLIGENCE FUNCTION.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Na-
18 tional Counterintelligence and Security Center, in coordi-
19 nation with the Director of the Defense Counterintel-
20 ligence and Security Agency and other interagency part-
21 ners, shall submit to Congress a plan for strengthening
22 the supply chain intelligence function.

23 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan submitted under sub-
24 section (a) shall address the following:

1 **“SEC. 905. NATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN INTELLIGENCE CEN-**
2 **TER.**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER.—There is within
4 the National Counterintelligence and Security Center in
5 the Office of the Director of National Intelligence a Na-
6 tional Supply Chain Intelligence Center.

7 “(b) DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN INTEL-
8 LIGENCE CENTER.—There is a Director of the National
9 Supply Chain Intelligence Center, who shall be appointed
10 by the President, in consultation with the Director of Na-
11 tional Intelligence and other interagency partners as the
12 President considers appropriate.

13 “(c) CENTER PERSONNEL.—

14 “(1) SENIOR MANAGEMENT.—The Director of
15 the National Supply Chain Intelligence Center shall
16 ensure that the senior management of the Center in-
17 cludes one or more detailees from each of the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(A) The Department of Defense.

20 “(B) The Department of Justice.

21 “(C) The Department of Homeland Secu-
22 rity.

23 “(D) The Department of Commerce.

24 “(2) DETAIL OR ASSIGNMENT OF PER-
25 SONNEL.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—With the approval of
2 the Director of the Office of Management and
3 Budget, and in consultation with the congress-
4 sional committees of jurisdiction, the Director
5 of the National Supply Chain Intelligence Cen-
6 ter may request of the head of any department,
7 agency, or element of the Federal Government
8 the detail or assignment of personnel from such
9 department, agency, or element to the National
10 Supply Chain Intelligence Center.

11 “(B) DUTIES.—Personnel detailed or as-
12 signed under subparagraph (A) shall assist the
13 National Supply Chain Intelligence Center in
14 carrying out the primary missions of the Cen-
15 ter.

16 “(C) TERMS.—Personnel detailed or as-
17 signed under subparagraph (A) shall be as-
18 signed or detailed to the National Supply Chain
19 Intelligence Center for a period of not more
20 than 2 years.

21 “(D) REGULAR EMPLOYMENT.—Any Fed-
22 eral Government employee detailed or assigned
23 under subparagraph (A) shall retain the rights,
24 status, and privileges of his or her regular em-
25 ployment without interruption.

1 “(d) PRIMARY MISSIONS.—The primary missions of
2 the National Supply Chain Intelligence Center shall be as
3 follows:

4 “(1) To aggregate all-source intelligence relat-
5 ing to supply chains, including—

6 “(A) classified and unclassified informa-
7 tion;

8 “(B) threat information; and

9 “(C) proprietary and sensitive information,
10 including risk and vulnerability information,
11 voluntarily provided by private entities.

12 “(2) To share strategic warnings relating to
13 supply chains or supply chain activities, as the Di-
14 rector of the National Supply Chain Intelligence
15 Center considers appropriate and consistent with se-
16 curity standards for classified information and sen-
17 sitive proprietary information, among—

18 “(A) the elements of the intelligence com-
19 munity (as defined in section 3 of the National
20 Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003)), com-
21 ponents of the Department of Justice and the
22 Department of Defense, the Federal Acquisition
23 Security Council, and other Federal agencies;

24 “(B) at-risk industry partners; and

1 “(C) governments of countries that are al-
2 lies of the United States.

3 “(3) To serve as the central and shared knowl-
4 edge resource for—

5 “(A) known and suspected threats to sup-
6 ply chain activities or supply chain integrity
7 from international groups, companies, coun-
8 tries, or other entities; and

9 “(B) the goals, strategies, capabilities, and
10 networks of contacts and support of such
11 groups, companies, countries, and other enti-
12 ties.

13 “(4) To perform tasks assigned to the National
14 Supply Chain Intelligence Center by relevant Gov-
15 ernment supply chain task forces, councils, including
16 the Federal Acquisition Security Council, and other
17 entities.

18 “(e) ANNUAL REPORTS REQUIRED.—The Director of
19 the National Supply Chain Intelligence Center shall annu-
20 ally submit to Congress a report, with classified annexes
21 as appropriate, on the state of threats to the security of
22 supply chains and supply chain activities for United States
23 Government acquisitions and replenishment as of the date
24 of the submittal of the report.

1 “(f) FUNDING.—Amounts used to carry out this sec-
2 tion shall be derived from amounts appropriated or other-
3 wise made available for the National Intelligence Program
4 (as defined in section 3 of the National Security Act of
5 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003)).”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
7 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after
8 the item relating to section 904 the following new item:
“Sec. 905. National Supply Chain Intelligence Center.”.

9 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
10 gress that the Director of the National Supply Chain In-
11 telligence Center should implement the recommendations
12 submitted under section 2(b)(1).

13 **SEC. 4. INVESTMENT IN SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY UNDER**
14 **DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Defense Pro-
16 duction Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4533) is amended by add-
17 ing at the end the following:

18 “(h) INVESTMENT IN SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may make
20 available to an eligible entity described in paragraph
21 (2) payments to increase the security of supply
22 chains and supply chain activities, if the President
23 certifies to Congress not less than 30 days before
24 making such a payment that the payment is in the
25 national security interests of the United States.

1 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—An eligible entity de-
2 scribed in this paragraph is an entity that—

3 “(A) is organized under the laws of the
4 United States or any jurisdiction within the
5 United States; and

6 “(B) produces—

7 “(i) one or more critical components;

8 “(ii) critical technology; or

9 “(iii) one or more products for the in-
10 creased security of supply chains or supply
11 chain activities.

12 “(3) REGULATIONS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90
14 days after the date of the enactment of this
15 subsection, the President shall prescribe regula-
16 tions setting forth definitions for the terms
17 ‘supply chain’ and ‘supply chain activities’ for
18 the purposes of this subsection.

19 “(B) SCOPE OF DEFINITIONS.—The defini-
20 tions required by subparagraph (A)—

21 “(i) shall encompass—

22 “(I) the organization, people, ac-
23 tivities, information, and resources in-
24 volved in the delivery and operation of

1 a product or service used by the Gov-
2 ernment; or

3 “(II) critical infrastructure as de-
4 fined in Presidential Policy Directive
5 21 (February 12, 2013; relating to
6 critical infrastructure security and re-
7 silience); and

8 “(ii) may include variations for spe-
9 cific sectors or Government functions.”.