

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5246
OFFERED BY MR. KEATING OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . COUNTERING RUSSIAN INFLUENCE FUND UNIT.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary may establish
3 and maintain a Countering Russian Influence Fund Unit
4 (“CRIF Unit”) within the Bureau of European and Eur-
5 asian Affairs.

6 (b) PERSONNEL.—

7 (1) COMPOSITION.—The CRIF Unit may be
8 comprised of a Director, Deputy Director, and addi-
9 tional staff as appropriate, including a budget ana-
10 lyst, a grant officer, a program assistant, and a
11 monitoring, evaluation, and learning specialist.

12 (2) STAFFING.—The CRIF Unit shall be com-
13 prised of personnel with expertise or experience in
14 performing the following functions:

15 (A) Grants officer.

16 (B) Program assistant.

17 (C) Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning
18 specialist.

19 (3) DIRECTOR.—The Director of the CRIF
20 Unit shall fulfill the following responsibilities:

1 (A) Identify specific strategic priorities for
2 CRIF consistent with United States national
3 security priorities.

4 (B) Coordinate, select, and approve all
5 CRIF programming, based on criteria that the
6 program directly counters malign activities by
7 the Russian Federation or provides United
8 States alternatives to such activities.

9 (C) Ensure that all CRIF programming
10 advances United States foreign policy and inter-
11 ests.

12 (D) Conduct oversight, monitoring, and
13 evaluation of the effectiveness of all CRIF pro-
14 gramming to ensure that it advances United
15 States interests and degrades the ability of the
16 Russian Federation or entities acting on the be-
17 half of the Russian Federation to conduct ma-
18 lign influence operations.

19 (E) Ensure, to the maximum extent prac-
20 ticable, that all CRIF programming is carried
21 out in coordination with other Federal activities
22 to counter Russian malign influence.

23 (4) DEPUTY DIRECTOR.—The Deputy Director
24 of the CRIF Unit may have responsibility for policy
25 and programming to assist the Director, particularly

1 with respect to CRIF Unit activities handled by
2 other Federal departments or agencies.

3 (c) MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND LEARNING AC-
4 TIVITIES.—The Director of the CRIF Unit may—

5 (1) direct monitoring, evaluation, and learning
6 activities to maximize government efficiency and re-
7 duce the risks of fraud and waste;

8 (2) conduct regular research and evaluation of
9 CRIF programs and activities to improve ongoing
10 and future activities; and

11 (3) make available to Congress the findings of
12 any research or evaluation conducted under para-
13 graph (2).

14 (d) RUSSIAN MALIGN INFLUENCE DEFINED.—In
15 this section, the term “Russian malign influence” means
16 influence by the Russian Federation or an entity acting
17 on the behalf of the Russian Federation that—

18 (1) undermines a free and open international
19 order;

20 (2) utilizes coercion and dependency to advance
21 the strategic objectives of the Russian Federation;

22 (3) undermines the national security, territorial
23 integrity, or sovereignty of the United States or
24 other country; or

1 (4) undermines the political and economic secu-
2 rity of the United States or other country, including
3 by promoting corruption or elite capture, distorting
4 markets, and advancing coercive economic practices,
5 including theft of intellectual property.

6 (e) TERMINATION.—A CRIF Unit established under
7 this section shall terminate 2 years after the date of the
8 enactment of this Act.

