

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5248
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Insert in numerical sequence each of the following
sections (and redesignate as required):

1 SEC. 506. PERSONNEL OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
2 ECONOMIST.

3 (a) PERSONNEL.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Office of the Chief
5 Economist shall include—

6 (A) the Chief Economist, who shall be ap-
7 pointed as a member of the Senior Executive
8 Service, have a doctorate in Economics, and
9 have at least 5 years of experience working at
10 the intersection of policy and international eco-
11 nomics in the private or public sectors;

12 (B) not fewer than 6 and not more than
13 12 full-time Civil Service officers, notwith-
14 standing the limitations provided under section
15 501 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22
16 U.S.C. 3981), at the GS-15 level or below;

17 (C) 1 full-time Foreign Service Officer,
18 notwithstanding such limitations, at the FS-01
19 level or below; and

1 (D) time-limited detailees from other of-
2 fices of the Department or of other Federal de-
3 partments or agencies, on a mutually agreeable,
4 non-reimbursable basis.

5 (2) CONTRACTORS.—The Office of the Chief
6 Economist shall have maximum contracting flexi-
7 bility, including—

8 (A) personal services contracting authority
9 authorized under section 2 of the State Depart-
10 ment Basic Authorities Act (22 U.S.C. 2669),
11 for domestic positions; and

12 (B) other transaction authority authorized
13 under section 701 of the Foreign Service Act of
14 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4021), to adopt innovative
15 technology and data analytics in its research.

16 **SEC. 510. DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGIC CURRENCY DIPLO-**
17 **MACY.**

18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be in
19 the Department a Director for Strategic Currency Diplo-
20 macy who shall be responsible to the Assistant Secretary
21 for Commercial Diplomacy for all matters pertaining to
22 the protection of the preeminence of the United States dol-
23 lar in international markets and diplomatic efforts to pro-
24 mote United States leadership in digital assets and finan-

1 cial technology, and such other related duties as the Sec-
2 retary may from time to time designate.

3 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
4 sibilities described under subsection (a), the Director for
5 Strategic Currency Diplomacy shall be responsible for
6 leading the Department policies and programs and coordi-
7 nating with other Federal departments and agencies as
8 appropriate, for all matters pertaining to the following:

9 (1) Combating efforts by strategic rivals and
10 adversaries to undermine the use of the United
11 States dollar as the world's reserve currency.

12 (2) Partnering with allies to ensure the
13 strength and integrity of United States dollar de-
14 nominated payment and financial systems.

15 (3) Evaluating the foreign policy and national
16 security implications of adoption, regulation, and su-
17 pervision of digital assets.

18 (4) Aligning United States foreign policy, and
19 in particular the use of sanctions to advance foreign
20 policy and national security objectives, with national
21 monetary security.

22 (5) Where appropriate, leading the coordination
23 of programs carried out abroad by Federal depart-
24 ments and agencies, including the Department of the
25 Treasury, the Department of Commerce, and the Of-

1 fice of the Director of National Intelligence, that re-
2 late to the matters for which the Director for Stra-
3 tegic Currency Diplomacy is responsible under this
4 section.

5 (6) Serving as the principal advisor to the As-
6 sistant Secretary for Commercial Diplomacy regard-
7 ing the development and implementation of policies
8 to prevent a reduction in the use of the United
9 States dollar as the primary reserve currency in
10 international markets.

11 (7) Coordinating with the Department of the
12 Treasury, the Department of Commerce, the Office
13 of the Director of National Intelligence, and other
14 Federal departments and agencies to develop—

15 (A) strategic plans to protect the pre-
16 eminence of the United States dollar in inter-
17 national markets, with findings to be included
18 in the Department of State's Biannual Eco-
19 nomic Security Report; and

20 (B) programs and policies that expand the
21 percentage of central bank foreign currency
22 holdings in United States dollars and inter-
23 national transactions denominated in United
24 States dollars.

1 (8) Acting as the representative of the Assist-
2 ant Secretary for Commercial Diplomacy to Federal
3 departments and agencies in international engage-
4 ments and bilateral and multilateral engagements
5 related to expanding the use of digital assets and
6 distributed ledger technology.

7 (9) Monitoring and develop strategies to
8 counter the proliferation and adoption of central
9 bank digital currencies in other countries to protect
10 the preeminence of the United States dollar and na-
11 tional economic security.

12 (10) Performing such other duties as the As-
13 sistant Secretary for Commercial Diplomacy may
14 from time to time designate.

15 **SEC. 511. OFFICE OF STRATEGIC CURRENCY DIPLOMACY.**

16 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
17 an Office of Strategic Currency Diplomacy which shall
18 perform such functions related to protecting the pre-
19 eminence of the United States dollar in international mar-
20 kets and diplomatic efforts to promote United States lead-
21 ership in digital assets and financial technology, as the
22 Assistant Secretary for Commercial Diplomacy may pre-
23 scribe.

1 (b) OFFICE DIRECTOR.—The Director for Strategic
2 Currency Diplomacy shall be the head of the Office for
3 Strategic Currency Diplomacy.

4 **SEC. 512. STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC EXPERTISE AT THE**
5 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE.**

6 (a) OFFICE DIRECTORS AND DEPUTY DIRECTORS.—
7 Notwithstanding the requirements of section 501 of the
8 Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3981), the posi-
9 tions of Office Director and Deputy Office Director under
10 the purview of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs,
11 shall generally be filled by civil service officers.

12 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary is authorized
13 to take such steps as may be necessary to phase-in the
14 requirement under paragraph (1) over the 5-year period
15 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

16 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—The Under Secretary for Eco-
17 nomic Affairs may approve the appointment of a Foreign
18 Service officer to an Office Director or a Deputy Office
19 Director position if—

20 (1) the individual has the requisite expertise, as
21 determined by the Under Secretary for Economic
22 Affairs; and

23 (2) in the 5-year period following the date of
24 the enactment of this Act, not more than one third
25 of all Office Director and Deputy Office Director po-

1 sitions under the purview of the Under Secretary for
2 Economic Affairs are filled by Foreign Service offi-
3 cers.

4 (d) DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary for
6 Economic Affairs may appoint, without regard to
7 the provisions of sections 3309 through 3318 of title
8 5, United States Code, candidates directly to posi-
9 tions in the competitive service, as defined in section
10 2102 of that title.

11 (2) TERMINATION.—Except with respect to the
12 Office of the Chief Economist, the authority pro-
13 vided under subparagraph (A) shall terminate on the
14 date that is 4 years after the date of the enactment
15 of this subsection.

16 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary for Eco-
18 nomic Affairs shall submit to the appropriate committees
19 of Congress a report that contains plans to attract and
20 retain economic, policy, legal, and technical expertise for
21 civil service officers in the Under Secretary of Economic
22 Affairs, including career promotion tracks to supervisory
23 and non-supervisory GS-15 positions.

1 **SEC. 513. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
2 **CYBERSPACE AND DIGITAL POLICY.**

3 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated to the
4 Under Secretary for Economic Affairs under section 503,
5 the Assistant Secretary for Cyberspace and Digital Policy
6 shall receive the funds necessary to fulfill bureau missions
7 and responsibilities for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

8 **SEC. 514. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CYBERSPACE AND**
9 **DIGITAL POLICY.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be in
11 the Department an Assistant Secretary for Cyberspace
12 and Digital Policy who shall be responsible to the Under
13 Secretary for Economic Affairs for matters pertaining to
14 cyberspace, digital policy, science, and the commercial ap-
15 plications of technology and innovation, and such other re-
16 lated duties as the Secretary may from time to time des-
17 ignate.

18 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
19 sibilities described under subsection (a), the Assistant Sec-
20 retary for Cyberspace and Digital Policy shall maintain
21 continuous observation and coordination of all matters
22 pertaining to cyberspace, digital policy, science, and the
23 commercial applications of technology and innovation in
24 the conduct of foreign policy, including, as appropriate,
25 the following:

1 (1) Serving as the principal cyberspace policy
2 official within the Department and as the principal
3 adviser to the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs
4 for cyberspace, digital issues, and the foreign policy
5 impacts of scientific research and development, dis-
6 coveries, and innovations.

7 (2) Leading, coordinating, and executing, in co-
8 ordination with other relevant bureaus and offices,
9 the Department's diplomatic cyberspace and cyberse-
10 curity efforts, including efforts related to data pri-
11 vacy, data flows, internet governance, information
12 and communications technology standards, the attri-
13 bution of malicious cyber activities by state and
14 nonstate actors, and other issues that the Secretary
15 has assigned to the Bureau.

16 (3) Coordinating with relevant Federal agencies
17 and the Office of the National Cyber Director to en-
18 sure the diplomatic and foreign policy aspects of the
19 cyber strategy in section 9501 of the Department of
20 State Authorization Act of 2022 (22 U.S.C. 10301)
21 and any other subsequent strategy are implemented
22 in a manner that is fully integrated with the broader
23 strategy.

24 (4) Preparing an annual strategic plan for how
25 to identify, assess, and mitigate cybersecurity

1 threats, including cyber attacks, theft, and data
2 breaches directed against the United States Govern-
3 ment, United States private sector, or its allies and
4 partners posed by nonstate cyber actors and state-
5 sponsored cyber actors.

6 (5) Promoting an open, interoperable, reliable,
7 resilient, and secure information and communica-
8 tions technology infrastructure globally and an open,
9 interoperable, secure, and reliable internet governed
10 by the multi-stakeholder model.

11 (6) Representing the Secretary in interagency
12 efforts to develop and advance Federal Government
13 cyber priorities and activities, including efforts to
14 develop credible national capabilities, strategies, and
15 policies to deter and counter cyber adversaries, and
16 carry out the purposes of title XCV of the Depart-
17 ment of State Authorization Act of 2022 (division I
18 of Public Law 117–263; 22 U.S.C. 10301 et seq.).

19 (7) Engaging civil society, the private sector,
20 academia, and other public and private entities on
21 relevant international cyberspace, information and
22 communications technology, and science and tech-
23 nology issues.

1 (8) Supporting United States Government ef-
2 forts to uphold and further develop global deterrence
3 frameworks for malicious cyber activity.

4 (9) Conducting diplomatic campaigns in sup-
5 port of interagency efforts to expose, disrupt, de-
6 grade, and defend against foreign adversaries' per-
7 sistent malicious cyber activities.

8 (10) Promoting internationally United States
9 best practices, standards, and regulatory approaches
10 to strengthen national cybersecurity and to gather
11 lessons learned from international allies and part-
12 ners that can support domestic United States cyber-
13 security efforts.

14 (11) Advising the Secretary and coordinating
15 with foreign governments regarding responses to na-
16 tional security-level cyber incidents, including coordi-
17 nation on diplomatic response efforts to support al-
18 lies and partners threatened by malicious cyber ac-
19 tivity, in conjunction with members of the North At-
20 lantic Treaty Organization and like-minded coun-
21 tries.

22 (12) Building the capacity of Department per-
23 sonnel to engage on matters of cyberspace and dig-
24 ital policy, science, technology, and innovation, in-

1 cluding through the administration of science and
2 technology fellowship programs.

3 (13) Promoting an international environment
4 for technology investments and the internet that
5 benefits the economic growth and national interests
6 of the United States.

7 (14) Promoting the building of foreign capacity
8 relating to cybersecurity and cyber resilience policy
9 priorities.

10 (15) Promoting the cross-border flow of data
11 and combat international initiatives seeking to im-
12 pose unreasonable requirements on United States
13 businesses.

14 (16) Promoting international policies to protect
15 the integrity of the United States and international
16 telecommunications infrastructure from foreign-
17 based threats, including cyber-enabled threats.

18 (17) Leading engagement, in coordination with
19 relevant executive branch agencies, with foreign gov-
20 ernments on relevant international cyberspace, cy-
21 bersecurity, cybercrime, and digital economy issues
22 described in title XCV of the Department of State
23 Authorization Act of 2022 (division I of Public Law
24 117–263; 22 U.S.C. 10301 et seq.).

1 (18) Leading the development of United States
2 Government policies, in coordination with the De-
3 partment of Commerce, to promote international
4 regulations related to the radio frequency spectrum,
5 the commercial applications of artificial intelligence,
6 biotechnology, quantum information science and
7 other emerging technologies that benefit the eco-
8 nomic growth and national interests of the United
9 States.

10 (19) Promoting respect for the exercise of
11 human rights, including freedom of speech and reli-
12 gion, through the internet.

13 (20) Encouraging the develop and adoption by
14 foreign countries of internationally recognized stand-
15 ards, policies, and best practices.

16 (21) Negotiating science and technology agree-
17 ments that advance United States national interests
18 with foreign countries and to facilitate scientific col-
19 laboration and protect intellectual property.

20 (22) Perform such other duties as the Under
21 Secretary for Economic Affairs may from time to
22 time designate.

23 (c) ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES WITH REGARD
24 TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.—In addition to
25 the responsibilities described under subsection (a) and (b),

1 the Assistant Secretary for Cyberspace and Digital Policy
2 may, as appropriate—

3 (1) coordinate, develop, and implement policy to
4 expose and counter the international spread of dig-
5 ital surveillance technologies originating in the Peo-
6 ple’s Republic of China;

7 (2) support diplomatic engagement with foreign
8 governments on risks posed by products manufac-
9 tured in the People Republic of China, including sur-
10 veillance systems, commercial telecommunication
11 technology, and related digital products;

12 (3) promote transparency and responsible
13 standards in international technology supply chains;
14 and

15 (4) coordinate public diplomacy initiatives to
16 highlight civil liberties risks and national security
17 threats associated with surveillance platforms origi-
18 nating or associated with the People’s Republic of
19 China.

20 **SEC. 515. BUREAU OF CYBERSPACE AND DIGITAL POLICY.**

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
22 a Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy, which shall
23 perform such functions related to cyberspace, digital pol-
24 icy, science, and the commercial applications of technology

1 and innovation as the Under Secretary for Economic Af-
2 fairs may prescribe.

3 (b) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The Assistant Sec-
4 retary for Cyberspace and Digital Policy shall be the head
5 of the Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy.

6 (c) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION.—In implementing
7 the duties prescribed under section 523, the Assistant Sec-
8 retary for Cyberspace and Digital Policy shall coordinate
9 with the heads of other Federal departments and agencies,
10 including the Department of Commerce, the Department
11 of Homeland Security, and such other Federal agencies
12 that the National Cyber Director determines appropriate.

13 (d) INTERNAL COORDINATION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary for
15 Economic Affairs shall coordinate with the Under
16 Secretary for International Security Affairs with re-
17 spect to any development or implementation of the
18 security aspects of cyberspace, digital policy, artifi-
19 cial intelligence, biotechnology, quantum information
20 science, and other emerging technology issues.

21 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days after
22 the date of the enactment of this section and semi-
23 annually thereafter, the Under Secretary for Eco-
24 nomic Affairs or a designee, in coordination with the
25 Under Secretary for International Security Affairs

1 or a designee, shall provide to the appropriate con-
2 gressional committees a briefing on joint activities
3 between the Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Pol-
4 icy and the Bureau of Emerging Threats.

5 (e) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—

6 (1) AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER FUNCTIONS.—

7 The Secretary may transfer to the Bureau any other
8 program, office, or activity of the Department that
9 the Secretary, in consultation with the appropriate
10 congressional committees, determines to be con-
11 sistent with the mission of the Bureau. These should
12 include—

13 (A) the Office of the Special Envoy for
14 Critical and Emerging Technology;

15 (B) the Office of the Science and Tech-
16 nology Adviser; and

17 (C) the Office of Science and Technology
18 Cooperation.

19 (2) TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL AND ASSETS.—

20 With respect to any function power, or duty, or any
21 program, office, or activity, that is established in the
22 Bureau pursuant to the transfer authority provided
23 by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall additionally
24 transfer to the Bureau the employees and assets of
25 the element of the Department from which the

1 transfer is made that the Secretary determines is
2 needed to perform that function, power, or duty.

3 (3) REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later
4 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
5 Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
6 congressional committees a report on the implemen-
7 tation of this section that—

8 (A) provides an accounting of the amounts
9 and sources of funding available to the Bureau
10 to carry out its mission under existing author-
11 izations and appropriations, and set forth the
12 future funding needs of the Bureau; and

13 (B) includes such other information and
14 recommendations as the Secretary and the
15 Under Secretary for Economic Affairs consider
16 appropriate.

