

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
OFFERED BY MR. KEATING OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . STRATEGY TO PROMOTE SECURE TELECOMMUNI-**
2 **CATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress as follows:

5 (1) The United States Government should pro-
6 mote and take steps to ensure American leadership
7 in strategic technology industries, including tele-
8 communications infrastructure and other informa-
9 tion and communications technologies.

10 (2) The expansive presence of companies linked
11 to the Chinese Communist Party, such as Huawei,
12 in global mobile networks and the national security
13 implications thereof, such as the ability of the Peo-
14 ple’s Republic of China to exfiltrate the information
15 flowing through those networks and shut off coun-
16 tries’ internet access, demonstrates the importance
17 of the United States remaining at the technological
18 frontier and the dire consequences of falling behind.

19 (3) The significant cost of countering Huawei’s
20 market leadership in telecommunications infrastruc-

1 ture around the world underscores the urgency of
2 supporting the competitiveness of United States
3 companies in next-generation information and com-
4 munication technology.

5 (4) To remain a leader at the International
6 Telecommunication Union (“ITU”) and preserve the
7 ITU’s technical integrity, the United States must
8 work with emerging economies and developing na-
9 tions to bolster global telecommunications security
10 and protect American national security interests.

11 (5) Multilateral cooperation with like-minded
12 partners and allies is critical to carry out the signifi-
13 cant effort of financing and promoting secure net-
14 works around the world and to achieve market lead-
15 ership of trusted vendors in this sector.

16 (b) STRATEGY FOR SECURING GLOBAL TELE-
17 COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE.—

18 (1) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 90
19 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
20 Secretary shall develop and submit to the appro-
21 priate congressional committees, the Committee on
22 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representa-
23 tives, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
24 Transportation of the Senate a “Strategy to Secure
25 Global Telecommunications Infrastructure” (referred

1 to in this section as the “Strategy”) to promote the
2 use of secure telecommunication infrastructure in
3 countries other than the United States.

4 (2) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary
5 shall consult with relevant heads of agencies and de-
6 partments, including the President of the Export-
7 Import Bank of the United States, the Chief Execu-
8 tive Officer of the Development Finance Corpora-
9 tion, the Director of the Trade and Development
10 Agency, the Chair of the Federal Communications
11 Commission, and the Assistant Secretary of Com-
12 merce for Communications and Information, in de-
13 veloping the Strategy, which shall consist of an ap-
14 proach led by the Department using the policy tools,
15 and informed by the technical expertise, of the other
16 Federal entities so consulted to achieve the goal de-
17 scribed in paragraph (1).

18 (3) ELEMENTS.—The Strategy shall also in-
19 clude sections on each of the following:

20 (A) Mobile networks, including a descrip-
21 tion of efforts by countries other than the
22 United States to—

23 (i) promote trusted Open RAN tech-
24 nologies while protecting against any secu-

1 rity risks posed by untrusted vendors in
2 Open RAN networks;

3 (ii) use financing mechanisms to as-
4 sist “rip-and-replace” projects and to
5 incentivize countries to choose trusted
6 equipment vendors;

7 (iii) bolster multilateral cooperation,
8 especially with developing countries and
9 emerging economies, to promote the de-
10 ployment of trusted wireless networks
11 worldwide; and

12 (iv) collaborate with trusted private
13 sector companies to counter Chinese mar-
14 ket leadership in the telecom equipment in-
15 dustry.

16 (B) Data centers, including a description
17 of efforts to—

18 (i) utilize financing mechanisms to
19 incentivize countries other than the United
20 States to choose trusted data center pro-
21 viders; and

22 (ii) bolster multilateral cooperation,
23 especially with developing countries and
24 emerging economies, to promote the de-

1 ployment of trusted data centers world-
2 wide.

3 (C) Sixth (and future) generation tech-
4 nologies (6G), including a description of efforts
5 to—

6 (i) deepen cooperation with like-mind-
7 ed countries to promote United States and
8 allied market leadership in 6G networks
9 and technologies; and

10 (ii) increase buy-in from developing
11 countries and emerging countries on trust-
12 ed technologies.

13 (D) Low-Earth orbit satellites, aerostats,
14 and stratospheric balloons, including a descrip-
15 tion of efforts to work with trusted private sec-
16 tor companies to retain the ability to quickly
17 provide internet connection in response to emer-
18 gency situations.

19 (c) REPORT ON MALIGN INFLUENCE AT THE INTER-
20 NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION.—

21 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the
22 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
23 shall develop and submit to the committees identi-
24 fied in subsection (b)(1) a report on Russian and
25 Chinese strategies and efforts—

1 (A) to expand the mandate of the Inter-
2 national Telecommunication Union (hereafter in
3 this section referred to as “ITU”) to cover
4 internet governance policy; and

5 (B) to advance other actions favorable to
6 authoritarian interests or hostile to fair, indus-
7 try-led processes.

8 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
9 graph (1) shall also identify efforts by China and
10 Russia—

11 (A) to increase the ITU’s jurisdiction over
12 internet governance and to propose internet
13 governance standards at the ITU;

14 (B) to leverage their private sector actors
15 to advance their national interests through the
16 ITU, including—

17 (i) encouraging Chinese and Russian
18 companies to leverage their market power
19 to pressure other member countries to de-
20 liver favorable decisions on ITU elections;
21 and

22 (ii) China’s efforts to leverage
23 Huawei’s role as the primary telecommuni-
24 cations equipment and services provider for
25 many developing countries to compel such

1 countries to deliver favorable decisions on
2 standards proposals, election victories, can-
3 didate selection, and other levers of power
4 at the ITU; and

5 (C) to use the influence of Chinese and
6 Russian nationals serving in the ITU to advan-
7 tage the companies, standards decisions, and
8 candidates that advance the CCP and Kremlin's
9 interests.

10 (3) FORM.—The report required by this sub-
11 section shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
12 may include a classified annex.

13 (d) REPORT ON MULTILATERAL COORDINATION.—
14 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment
15 of this Act, the Secretary, in coordination with relevant
16 heads of agencies and departments including the President
17 of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, the Chief
18 Executive Officer of the Development Finance Corpora-
19 tion, the Chair of the Federal Communications Commis-
20 sion, and the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Com-
21 munications and Information, shall develop and submit to
22 the committees identified in subsection (b)(1) a report
23 that identifies opportunities for greater collaboration with
24 allies and partners to promote secure information and

1 communications technology infrastructure in countries
2 other than the United States, including through—

3 (1) joint financing efforts to help trusted ven-
4 dors win bids to build out information and commu-
5 nications technology infrastructure;

6 (2) incorporating information and communica-
7 tions technology focuses into allies' and partners'
8 international development finance initiatives; and

9 (3) diplomatic coordination to emphasize the
10 importance of secure telecommunications infrastruc-
11 ture to countries using untrusted providers.

