

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

At the end of the bill, insert the following:

1 **SEC. __. SUPPORTING CYBERSECURITY AND CYBER RESIL-**
2 **IENCE IN THE WESTERN BALKANS.**

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

5 (1) United States support for cybersecurity,
6 cyber resilience, and secure information and commu-
7 nication technology (hereafter in this section re-
8 ferred to as “ICT”) infrastructure in Western Bal-
9 kans countries will strengthen the region’s ability to
10 defend itself from and respond to malicious cyber ac-
11 tivity conducted by nonstate and foreign actors, in-
12 cluding foreign governments, that seek to influence
13 the region;

14 (2) insecure ICT networks that are vulnerable
15 to manipulation can increase opportunities for—

16 (A) the compromise of cyber infrastruc-
17 ture, including data networks, electronic infra-
18 structure, and software systems; and

1 (B) the use of online information oper-
2 ations by adversaries and malign actors to un-
3 dermine United States allies and interests; and
4 (3) it is in the national security interest of the
5 United States to support the cybersecurity and cyber
6 resilience of Western Balkans countries.

7 (b) INTERAGENCY REPORT ON CYBERSECURITY AND
8 THE DIGITAL INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT IN WESTERN
9 BALKANS COUNTRIES.—Not later than 1 year after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in coordi-
11 nation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of
12 Homeland Security, and the heads of other relevant Fed-
13 eral agencies, shall submit a report to the appropriate con-
14 gressional committees that contains—

15 (1) an overview of interagency efforts to
16 strengthen cybersecurity and cyber resilience in
17 Western Balkans countries;

18 (2) a review of the information environment in
19 each Western Balkans country;

20 (3) a review of existing United States Govern-
21 ment cyber and digital initiatives that—

22 (A) counter influence operations and safe-
23 guard elections and democratic processes in
24 Western Balkans countries;

1 (B) strengthen ICT infrastructure and cy-
2 bersecurity capacity in the Western Balkans;

3 (C) support democracy and internet free-
4 dom in Western Balkans countries; and

5 (D) build cyber capacity of governments
6 who are allies or partners of the United States;

7 (4) an assessment of cyber threat information
8 sharing between the United States and Western Bal-
9 kans countries;

10 (5) an assessment of—

11 (A) options for the United States to better
12 support cybersecurity and cyber resilience in
13 Western Balkans countries through changes to
14 current assistance authorities; and

15 (B) the advantages or limitations, such as
16 funding or office space, of posting cyber profes-
17 sionals from other Federal departments and
18 agencies to United States diplomatic posts in
19 Western Balkans countries and providing rel-
20 evant training to Foreign Service Officers; and

21 (6) any additional support needed from the
22 United States for the cybersecurity and cyber resil-
23 ience of the following NATO Allies: Albania, Monte-
24 negro, North Macedonia, and Croatia.

