AMENDMENT NO._______ Calendar No._______

Purpose: To prohibit the operation or procurement of foreign-made unmanned aircraft systems.


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To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _________ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. SCOTT of Florida

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 SEC. ___. PROHIBITION ON OPERATION OR PROCUREMENT

3 OF FOREIGN-MADE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.

5 (a) PROHIBITION ON AGENCY OPERATION OR PROCUREMENT.—The Commandant of the Coast Guard may not operate or enter into or renew a contract for the procurement of—

9 (1) a covered unmanned aircraft system that—
(A) is manufactured in a covered foreign country or by an entity domiciled in a covered foreign country;

(B) uses flight controllers, radios, data transmission devices, cameras, or gimbals manufactured in a covered foreign country or by an entity domiciled in a covered foreign country;

(C) uses a ground control system or operating software developed in a covered foreign country or by an entity domiciled in a covered foreign country; or

(D) uses network connectivity or data storage located in or administered by an entity domiciled in a covered foreign country; or

(2) a system manufactured in a covered foreign country or by an entity domiciled in a covered foreign country for the detection or identification of covered unmanned aircraft systems.

(b) Exemption.—

(1) In general.—The Commandant is exempt from the restriction under subsection (a) if—

(A) the operation or procurement is for the purposes of—

(i) counter-UAS surrogate testing and training; or
(ii) intelligence, electronic warfare, and information warfare operations, testing, analysis, and training; or

(B) the Commandant receives a certification from the Coast Guard unit requesting to operate or procure an unmanned aircraft system otherwise restricted under subsection (a), which shall include supporting manufacturer information, that the unmanned aircraft system does not—

(i) connect to the internet or an outside telecommunications service;

(ii) connect to other devices or electronics, except as necessary to perform the mission; or

(iii) perform any missions in support of classified information or that may threaten national security.

(2) EXPIRATION.—The authority under this subsection to operate or procure an unmanned aircraft system otherwise restricted under subsection (a) expires two years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) WAIVER.—The Commandant may waive the restriction under subsection (a) on a case by case basis by
certifying in writing to the Department of Homeland Security and the relevant committees of jurisdiction that the operation or procurement is required in the national interest of the United States.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED FOREIGN COUNTRY.—The term "covered foreign country" means the People’s Republic of China.

(2) COVERED UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM.—The term "covered unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned aircraft system and any related services and equipment.