AMENDMENT NO._______ Calendar No._____

Purpose: To modify a prohibition on the operation or procurement of foreign-made unmanned aircraft systems.


S. 4802

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. Blumenthal (for himself and Mrs. Blackburn)

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 SEC. ___. MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON OPERATION OR PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN-MADE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.


4 (1) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
“(b) Exemption.—The Commandant is exempt from the restriction under subsection (a) if the operation or procurement is for the purposes of—

“(1) counter-UAS system surrogate testing and training; or

“(2) intelligence, electronic warfare, and information warfare operations, testing, analysis, and training.”;

(2) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) Waiver.—The Commandant may waive the restriction under subsection (a) on a case by case basis by certifying in writing not later than 15 days after exercising such waiver to the Department of Homeland Security, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives that the operation or procurement of a covered unmanned aircraft system is required in the national interest of the United States.”;

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) Covered Foreign Country.—The term ‘covered foreign country’ means any of the following:
“(A) The People’s Republic of China.

“(B) The Russian Federation.

“(C) The Islamic Republic of Iran.

“(D) The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.”; and

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

(C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) COVERED UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM.—The term ‘covered unmanned aircraft system’ means—

“(A) an unmanned aircraft system described in paragraph (1) of subsection (a); and

“(B) a system described in paragraph (2) of that subsection.”; and

(D) in paragraph (4), as redesignated, by inserting “, and any related services and equipment” after “United States Code”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Commandant $2,700,000 to replace covered unmanned aircraft systems.
“(2) Replacement.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall replace covered unmanned aircraft systems of the Coast Guard with unmanned aircraft systems manufactured in the United States or an allied country (as that term is defined in section 2350f(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code).”.