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To direct the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress a report on the effects of increased production and consumption of alternative proteins on the long-term national security interests of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 7, 2022

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself and Mr. KHANNA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Security of the Econ-
5 omy, Climate, and other U.S. interests with Recent and
6 Existing Food alternatives Act” or the “SECURE Food
7 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON THE EFFECTS OF INCREASED PRODUC-**
2 **TION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALTERNATIVE**
3 **PROTEINS TO NATIONAL SECURITY.**

4 (a) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National In-
6 telligence, in consultation with the heads of other depart-
7 ments and agencies of the Federal Government that the
8 Director determines appropriate, shall submit to the con-
9 gressional intelligence committees a report on the effects
10 of increased production and consumption of alternative
11 proteins on the long-term national security interests of the
12 United States.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report under subsection (a)
14 shall include the following:

15 (1) A detailed description of how the increased
16 production and consumption of alternative proteins
17 affect—

18 (A) biosecurity, food security, climate secu-
19 rity, and water security;

20 (B) the environment, including with re-
21 spect to reduced land use and reduced deforest-
22 ation;

23 (C) public health, including with respect to
24 pandemic risk reduction, air and water pollu-
25 tion reduction, and antibiotic usage reduction;
26 and

1 (D) the economy, including with respect to
2 job creation and new markets for agricultural
3 products of the United States.

4 (2) A detailed explanation of whether, and to
5 what extent, progress in the production and con-
6 sumption of alternative proteins made by foreign
7 countries constitutes a competitive threat to the eco-
8 nomic interests of the United States.

9 (c) FORM.—The report under subsection (a) shall be
10 submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classi-
11 fied annex.

12 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) ALTERNATIVE PROTEINS.—The term “alter-
14 native proteins” means food proteins produced from
15 plants, fungi, or animal cell cultivation that share
16 sensory characteristics with conventional animal pro-
17 teins.

18 (2) CONGRESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMIT-
19 TEES.—The term “congressional intelligence com-
20 mittees” has the meaning given that term in section
21 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
22 3003).

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