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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue guidance with respect to space systems, services, and technology as critical infrastructure, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIEU (for himself and Mr. CALVERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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 “Space Infrastructure
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SPACE SYSTEMS, SERVICES, AND TECHNOLOGY AS**
7 **CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall

1 designate space systems, services, and technology as a crit-
2 ical infrastructure sector.

3 (b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary, in
5 consultation with relevant agencies and departments of
6 the Federal Government, the Assistant to the President
7 for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, relevant
8 Federal advisory committees, and the Executive Director,
9 shall issue guidance with respect to designating space sys-
10 tems, services, and technology as critical infrastructure,
11 including—

12 (1) defining the scope of such sector, with con-
13 sideration of satellites and space vehicles, space-re-
14 lated terrestrial systems and launch infrastructure,
15 space-related production facilities, and applicable in-
16 formation technology;

17 (2) designating a Sector-Specific Agency for
18 space systems, services, and technology; and

19 (3) identifying appropriate committees and
20 advisories to accompany such sector, including Gov-
21 ernment Coordinating Councils and Sector Coordi-
22 nating Councils.

23 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the Sec-
24 retary issues guidance pursuant to subsection (b), the Sec-

1 retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
2 mittees a report relating to the following:

3 (1) The implementation of such guidance re-
4 quired under subsection (b).

5 (2) Any other information the Secretary deter-
6 mines appropriate.

7 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 2001(3)
8 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 601(3))
9 is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (O), (P),
11 and (Q) as (P), (Q), and (R), respectively; and

12 (2) by inserting the following new subpara-
13 graph:

14 “(O) Space systems, services, and technology.”.

15 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
17 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
18 mittees” means—

19 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
20 of the House of Representatives; and

21 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
22 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

23 (2) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
24 “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given such

1 term in section 1016(e) of the USA Patriot Act of
2 2001 (42 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

3 (3) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The term “Execu-
4 tive Director” means the Executive Director of the
5 Space Information Sharing and Analysis Center.

6 (4) SECTOR-SPECIFIC AGENCY.—The term
7 “Sector-Specific Agency” has the meaning given
8 such term in Presidential Policy Directive 21 (Feb-
9 ruary 12, 2013; relating to critical infrastructure se-
10 curity and resilience).

11 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

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