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To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish guidance governing community engagement and emergency preparedness for defense industrial facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Hazardous Materials
5 Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY PRE-**
2 **PAREDNESS FOR DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL FA-**
3 **CILITIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall establish guidance governing community engagement
7 and emergency preparedness practices for covered facili-
8 ties.

9 (b) GUIDANCE.—The guidance required under sub-
10 section (a) shall include requirements for covered facilities
11 to—

12 (1) maintain regular coordination with local
13 emergency management agencies, fire departments,
14 law enforcement agencies, and other relevant first
15 responders;

16 (2) designate a community liaison responsible
17 for communication with local officials and commu-
18 nity members;

19 (3) maintain procedures for notifying local au-
20 thorities and affected communities following a re-
21 lease, fire, explosion, or other incident that may pose
22 a risk to public health or safety;

23 (4) provide easily accessible and publicly avail-
24 able information regarding emergency notification
25 procedures and appropriate protective actions for
26 nearby residents;

1 (5) conduct periodic outreach or informational
2 briefings for local stakeholders regarding emergency
3 preparedness and community safety;

4 (6) establish mechanisms through which com-
5 munity members may submit questions or concerns
6 regarding facility operations; and

7 (7) comply with all otherwise applicable require-
8 ments of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et
9 seq.), Emergency Planning and Community Right-
10 To-Know Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 11001 et seq.),
11 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976
12 (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), and Toxic Substances
13 Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.).

14 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
17 nually thereafter for five years, the Secretary of De-
18 fense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
19 mittees a report describing—

20 (A) the implementation of this section;

21 (B) categories of facilities subject to the
22 guidance;

23 (C) significant incidents reported at cov-
24 ered facilities;

1 (D) corrective actions undertaken following
2 such incidents; and

3 (E) recommendations for additional legisla-
4 tive authority, if necessary.

5 (2) FORM.—The report shall be in unclassified
6 form, but may include a classified annex.

7 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) The term “covered facility” means an in-
9 dustrial facility operated by a prime contractor or
10 subcontractor that—

11 (A) performs manufacturing, storage, test-
12 ing, processing, or disposal activities in support
13 of a Department of Defense contract; and

14 (B) conducts activities involving hazardous
15 materials, energetic materials, explosives, pro-
16 pellants, toxic substances, or other materials
17 determined by the Secretary to present a sig-
18 nificant potential risk to surrounding commu-
19 nities, such as materials that present a signifi-
20 cant potential risk of release, fire, or explosion
21 that could impact the health of such commu-
22 nities.

23 (2) The term “significant incident” means any
24 event that leads to—

25 (A) an evacuation;

- 1 (B) a public health emergency; or
- 2 (C) a disaster declaration from a govern-
- 3 ment entity.

