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# H. R. 8086

To establish a National and Nuclear Risk Reduction Center within the  
Department of State, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 2026

Mr. KEATING (for himself and Mr. BAUMGARTNER) introduced the following  
bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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within the Department of State, and for other purposes.

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL AND NUCLEAR**  
4       **RISK REDUCTION CENTER.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established within the  
6       Department of State a National and Nuclear Risk Reduc-  
7       tion Center (“NNRRC”), who shall report directly to the  
8       Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Secu-  
9       rity.

1 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The NNRRC shall carry  
2 out the following responsibilities:

3 (1) Operate a 24-hour basis government-to-gov-  
4 ernment communications center for exchanging noti-  
5 fications with foreign counterparts as required by—

6 (A) bilateral and multilateral arms control  
7 agreements or arrangements; and

8 (B) confidence-building agreements be-  
9 tween the United States, foreign governments,  
10 and international organizations.

11 (2) Translate and disseminate incoming and  
12 outgoing notifications and messages to and from ap-  
13 propriate Federal Government departments and  
14 agencies for purposes of executing, when necessary,  
15 operational alerts or time-sensitive notifications re-  
16 quiring immediate attention.

17 (3) Advise Department of State policy and  
18 operational offices on communication or technical  
19 issues from new arms control and international secu-  
20 rity agreements.

21 (4) Provide technical assistance to foreign gov-  
22 ernments on NNRRC-related requirements on the  
23 operation of national communication systems for  
24 arms control agreements and other confidence-build-  
25 ing agreements.

1           (5) Ensure the NNRRC maintains not fewer  
2       than one linguist on duty at all time who—

3           (A) can provide Mandarin Chinese and  
4       Russian language translation services;

5           (B) is proficient with technical arms con-  
6       trol matters; and

7           (C) can facilitate communications related  
8       to notifications and exchanges with foreign gov-  
9       ernments involving arms control agreements  
10      and arrangements.

11          (6) Establish a protocol for coordination be-  
12      tween the NNRRC and interagency stakeholders, in-  
13      cluding liaison roles.

14          (7) Perform such other duties as the Under  
15      Secretary for Arms Control and International Secu-  
16      rity may from time to time designate.

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