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To prohibit the use of funds by the intelligence community for research, development, or technical support performed by any National Laboratory that lacks certain security measures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TENNEY 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 “No Hostile Operatives
5 in our National Labs Obtaining Our Knowledge which Es-
6 tablishes Risks to our Security Act” or the “No Hostile
7 ONLOOKERS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY RE-**
2 **SEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, OR TECHNICAL**
3 **SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL LABORATORIES**
4 **LACKING CERTAIN SECURITY MEASURES.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) COUNTRY OF RISK.—The term “country of
7 risk” has the meaning given such term in section
8 6432 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal
9 Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

10 (2) COVERED ASSIGNEE; COVERED VISITOR.—
11 The terms “covered assignee” and “covered visitor”
12 have the meanings given such terms in section 6432
13 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
14 2025 (Public Law 119–60).

15 (3) NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM.—The
16 term “National Intelligence Program” has the mean-
17 ing given such term in section 3 of the National Se-
18 curity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

19 (4) NATIONAL LABORATORY.—The term “Na-
20 tional Laboratory” has the meaning given such term
21 in section 2 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
22 U.S.C. 15801).

23 (5) NONTRADITIONAL INTELLIGENCE COLLEC-
24 TION.—The term “nontraditional intelligence collec-
25 tion” has the meaning given such term in section

1 6432 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal
2 Year 2025 (Public Law 119–60).

3 (b) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection
4 (c), the head of an element of the intelligence community
5 may not obligate or expend any amount for research, de-
6 velopment, or technical support performed by any Na-
7 tional Laboratory when such National Laboratory permits
8 covered assignees or covered visitors from countries of risk
9 to access any of the premises, information, or technology
10 of the National Laboratory.

11 (c) WAIVER.—The head of an element of the intel-
12 ligence community may waive the prohibition in subsection
13 (b) for research, development, or technical support as part
14 of a program, project, or activity of the element that is
15 within the National Intelligence Program if the head sub-
16 mits to the congressional intelligence committees—

17 (1) a certification that the research, develop-
18 ment, or technical support for which funds are to be
19 expended are not at risk of collection from a foreign
20 intelligence agency or nontraditional intelligence col-
21 lection; and

22 (2) the justification for the waiver.

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