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To require the Secretary of the Army to submit a report on efforts to support the production, testing, and sustainment of autonomous maneuver systems, components for such systems, and low-cost interceptors.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 6, 2026

Ms. SLOTKIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. REPORT ON PRODUCTION CAPACITY FOR AU-**
4 **TONOMOUS MANEUVER SYSTEMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 15, 2027, the
6 Secretary of the Army shall submit to the Committees on
7 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
8 atives a report on ongoing efforts to support the produc-

1 tion, testing, and sustainment of autonomous maneuver
2 systems, components for such systems, and low-cost inter-
3 ceptors.

4 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
5 (a) shall include the following:

6 (1) An overview of efforts to accelerate produc-
7 tion and fielding of next-generation autonomous sys-
8 tems and low-cost interceptor capabilities.

9 (2) A description of activities to strengthen and
10 expand domestic supply chains for critical drone and
11 counter-drone components, including motors, bat-
12 teries, sensors, and related technologies.

13 (3) A description of how the Army is enabling
14 rapid scaling of drone production and low-cost inter-
15 ceptor systems through advanced manufacturing.

16 (4) An assessment of how advanced manufac-
17 turing techniques may support increased production
18 capacity and surge requirements.

19 (5) An overview of how testing, requirements
20 development, and evaluation activities are coordi-
21 nated across the Department of Defense, including
22 through designated test ranges and relevant Army
23 organizations involved in autonomous systems devel-
24 opment, production, and sustainment, including
25 next-generation maneuver systems technologies led

1 by the Ground Vehicle Systems Center and
2 sustainment operations at the Tank-automotive and
3 Armaments Command.

4 (6) A discussion of potential applications of ad-
5 vanced manufacturing technologies to support re-
6 pair, maintenance, and sustainment activities for au-
7 tonomous systems and low-cost interceptors.

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