

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-126

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act
Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AIM-120D3-series Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) is a supersonic, air-launched, aerial intercept, guided missile featuring digital technology and microminiature, solid-state electronics. AMRAAM capabilities include look-down/shoot-down, multiple launches against multiple targets, resistance to electronic countermeasures, and interception of high and low-flying and maneuvering targets. The AIM-120D3 features a quadrangle target detection device and an electronics unit within the guidance section that performs all radar signal processing, mid-course and terminal guidance, flight control, target detection, and warhead detonation.

2. The KGV-135A is a high-speed, general purpose encryptor/decryptor module used for wideband data encryption.

3. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

4. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

5. A determination has been made that the Netherlands can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

6. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Netherlands.

RESOLVE ACT

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to introduce legislation that's essential for securing America's leadership in the defining geopolitical challenge of our time. Days from now, I will conclude my service as chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and my time in public office will draw to a close. But even as I prepare to leave this Chamber, the work of protecting our Nation's interests and values must continue with urgency.

Today, I introduce the RESOLVE Act of 2024, an effort to mobilize America's strategic, economic, and diplomatic tools in response to the profound challenges posed by the People's Republic of China, PRC. This bill represents a comprehensive approach, a culmination of lessons learned and priorities identified over years of bipartisan debate and collaboration. It reflects an understanding that America's strength is not defined by military might alone, but by the breadth of our alliances, the resilience of our economy, and the integrity of our values. The RESOLVE Act sets the stage for Congress and our Nation to counter the PRC's growing influence, strengthen alliances, and maintain U.S. leadership in this pivotal moment.

To remain competitive, we must think beyond sanctions and reactive policies. Instead, we must adopt a proactive strategy, one that invests in our partnerships, defends our principles, and sets a positive agenda for our engagement abroad.

This bill authorizes approximately \$6 billion over 5 years, including \$2 billion in mandatory funding infrastructure that is strategic from the perspective of U.S. national security and economic security interests. These are investments to secure America's future, strengthening our allies when they are targeted by economic coercion, safeguarding critical supply chains, and equipping our diplomatic corps for a new era of strategic competition.

And it does so with four clear priorities: first, with tools to counter economic coercion. When the PRC threatens through tariffs, sanctions, or diplomatic pressure to retaliate against our partners and allies when they make sovereign decisions that Beijing doesn't like, we must stand ready to help.

This bill establishes a dedicated defense fund to respond to major economic threats, creates the Office of the Chief Economist at the State Department, and ensures we have the tools to support countries that choose to stand with us and foreign their own sovereign interests. It addresses supply chain resilience and advances efforts to secure critical minerals that are essential to the U.S. economy.

Second, it strengthens U.S. economic engagement and infrastructure development.

Through new authorizations for the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment and appropriations for strategic infrastructure, this bill enables us to crowd in with U.S. private sector and convening power to offer comprehensive economic development solutions an alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative and build durable partnerships based on shared prosperity and trust.

Third, it reinforces our commitment to human rights and public diplomacy.

Whether it is promoting internet freedom in Hong Kong, defending Uyghur communities against oppression, or empowering foreign service officers to share America's story more effectively, this bill ensures our leadership is rooted in the values that define us.

And finally, it modernizes the State Department for the challenges ahead.

We can't meet tomorrow's challenges with yesterday's tools. By establishing new roles like an Assistant Secretary for Indo-Pacific Affairs and a Special Envoy for Critical and Emerging Technologies, the RESOLVE Act ensures our diplomatic institutions are equipped to lead the global community in this new era of competition.

We cannot address the challenges posed by the PRC simply with punitive actions and strongly worded speeches alone. These tools have their place, but they are not enough.

We must offer a compelling vision of partnership, one that helps nations resist coercion, empowers them to thrive, and builds a coalition of countries that are aligned not by fear, but by opportunity.

While the RESOLVE Act does not have a Republican cosponsor, it was crafted with significant input from our colleagues across the aisle and reflects a diverse range of perspectives.

Throughout its development, we consulted with Members of both parties, incorporating ideas that represent a balanced, programmatic, and sensible approach to U.S.-China policy.

This legislation reflects priorities that transcend party lines and speak to our shared interest in advancing America's leadership. The bill does not include everything I would like to have seen, nor does it include every proposal from my colleagues. It is the result of compromise, and that is how strong national security legislation gets done.

I firmly believe that America's national security is strongest when we work together, when we forge a compromise, build coalitions, and deliver results that endure beyond a brief political moment.

The RESOLVE Act provides a foundation for such bipartisan collaboration, and I remain hopeful that its thoughtful framework will inform future efforts to ensure that America remains a global leader in this era of strategic competition.

I have no doubt the text in this bill will serve as a blueprint for bipartisan work in the future because America's national security is best protected when we come together to confront the challenges we face.

When we fail to do so, it is Beijing that benefits, and it is the American people that lose.

This is not just another bill, it is a reflection of what it could mean for Democrats and Republicans to lead together with confidence and clarity in an uncertain world.

I leave this Chamber confident that the RESOLVE Act provides a roadmap for the work ahead, and it is now up to my colleagues and the next Congress to carry this effort forward.

Let us rise to this moment together, ensuring that America leads not just with power, but with unified purpose.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN TONY CÁRDENAS

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Congressman TONY CÁRDENAS as he prepares to retire after 12 distinguished years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives and 28 years in public service. My fellow San Fernando High School Tiger, my first boss in politics, and more recently my roommate in Washington, TONY has always been a cherished friend and brother. A champion for the San Fernando Valley for nearly three decades, TONY's story and legacy deserve to be celebrated and remembered.

Raised just a few blocks from where I grew up in the proud, working class community of Pacoima, CA, ANTONIO "TONY" CÁRDENAS was born on March 31, 1963—the youngest of Andrés and María Cárdenas' 11 children. And while TONY was a few years ahead of me, our stories followed similar paths.

TONY's parents and my father immigrated to the San Fernando Valley from the Mexican state of Jalisco in search of a better life. We both attended Telfair Elementary School and, later, San Fernando High School. And when it came time for college, we both earned degrees in engineering.

Yet it is in part because of TONY that I left a promising career in engineering behind in order to serve our community. When TONY first set out to make a difference and run for State assembly in 1996, he took a chance on me as his campaign manager. I didn't know the first thing about managing a campaign. But when TONY reached out, I knew his values. I knew who he was as a person. And I knew just how committed he was to our community and to making change.

All these years later, that has never changed. From his first election to the California State Assembly, to serving together on the Los Angeles City Council, to the halls of Congress, I have had a front row seat to TONY's career in public service. I have seen him fight for justice for at-risk youth, lead the charge in our Nation's clean energy transition, and advocate for better access to mental health care. Through it all, TONY has never shied away from a righteous fight.

But most of all, when I reflect on his public service I think about the path he has carved out for others to follow. TONY stepped up at a time when Latinos didn't often see ourselves in positions of power. And through the power of his example, he has opened the door for others, including myself, to run for office. Entire generations of young, Latino leaders now see running for office and having a say in the decisions that affect our communities as the norm, not the exception. That is the trailblazing legacy of TONY CÁRDENAS.

I thank his wife Norma, his children Vanessa, Cristian, Andres, and Alina, and the entire Cárdenas family for sharing him with us for all these years.

And while next month, TONY will officially step away from his work in the U.S. House of Representatives, I am confident his service is not coming to an end. I look forward to continuing to fight alongside him for years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JEFF WIDEN

• Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I rise today to commend Jeff Widen for his remarkable contributions to the preservation of public lands across Colorado and the American West. After

nearly 18 years with the Wilderness Society (TWS) in Colorado and a distinguished history of public lands advocacy throughout the Four Corners and California desert, I congratulate Jeff on his well-deserved retirement.

Jeff has been a steadfast friend, dedicated mentor, and trusted colleague to numerous Members of Congress, their staff, county commissioners, mayors, council members, conservation groups, and community advocates. His extraordinary ability to forge meaningful relationships with individuals across the political spectrum has made him an effective advocate for public lands conservation.

Throughout his tenure at TWS, Colorado celebrated numerous protected areas due in no small part to Jeff's efforts, including the 20-year Thompson Divide Administrative Mineral Withdrawal, the designation of the Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument, the passage of the Hermosa Creek Watershed Protection Act, the designation of Browns Canyon National Monument, the establishment of chimney Rock National Monument, and the designation of wilderness in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Jeff's influence extends far beyond Colorado. He played a crucial role in the designation of Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, the protection of Chaco Canyon in New Mexico, and conservation efforts in the California desert. His advocacy also included reforms to the Federal oil and gas program and the permanent reauthorization and full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

A leader in drafting and introducing the San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act—now part of the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act—Jeff also contributed to the Dolores River National Conservation Area and Special Management Area Act. His work with the Gunnison Public Lands Initiative led to the Gunnison Outdoor Resources Protection Act.

Before joining TWS, Jeff worked with the Sierra Club, the Colorado Environmental Coalition (now Conservation Colorado), and the Mineral Policy Center across the Four Corners. An avid climber, he also served on the board of the Access Fund for several years.

Jeff's conservation legacy will be cherished across the American West, particularly in Colorado, by both locals and visitors for generations to come. Few individuals have made such significant contributions to conservation in the Centennial State. We are fortunate to have more wild, protected lands to pass on to future generations because of Jeff's dedication. From traversing the headwaters of Hermosa Creek to paddling through Snaggletooth rapid on the Dolores River, I am grateful for the camaraderie we have shared over the years, and I wish him all the best in his retirement.●

RECOGNIZING SULLY LOCKER & MARKET

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Sully Locker & Market of Sully, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1946, Nelson Terpstra opened Sully Locker & Market as a local meat processor and storage facility. The Terpstra family owned and operated the locker through 2012, then sold it to another local family. In the spring of 2020, Rick and Cheryl Nikkel purchased the company. The Nikkels aimed to expand the business while honoring its more than 70-year legacy in Sully, where Cheryl grew up relying on the Sully Locker to store and process her family's livestock.

Today, Sully Locker & Market processes over 850 cattle annually and manages every step of the process, from butchering and packaging to storing and shipping fresh cuts of meat nationwide. The business is also a full-service meat retail store, offering groceries, home decor gifts, and Cheryl's homemade soups and dips that are prepared on-site. In April 2023, the Nikkels expanded by opening the Sully Meat Market in Ankeny, IA. The market focuses on retail, offering a variety of cuts of meat from steaks to deli meat, as well as locally raised bison from Iowa Prairie Bison and local baked goods from La Rose Marie Bakery of Sully. Beyond managing Sully Locker & Market, the Nikkels run their family farm, raising over 700 cattle and numerous hogs.

Sully Locker & Market has continued to grow, now employing 13 community members, including their son Josh, who is responsible for overseeing the meat processing operations. The company actively supports initiatives such as Hope Ministries, an organization in Des Moines committed to finding solutions to homelessness across Iowa. The business also works closely with the Lynnville-Sully Community School District to support a variety of charity efforts.

Sully Locker & Market is a proud member of the Iowa Meat Processors Association (IMPA) and will be celebrating its 79th anniversary next year.

I want to congratulate the Nikkel family and the rest of the team for their dedication to offering locally sourced quality products and providing a needed service to the community. I look forward to seeing their continued success.●

RECOGNIZING ANDERSON RESERVE

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each year I recognize