Defending International Security by Restricting Unlawful Partnerships and Tactics (DISRUPT) Act of 2025

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Problem: U.S. adversaries are increasing their cooperation in ways that directly threaten U.S. interests. However, the U.S. government lacks a coordinated, strategic response to address this collaboration and defend our interests.

- Growing cooperation between China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea poses unprecedented challenges to U.S. national security, including through the expanded transfer of weapons and munitions; the sharing of dual use technologies and capabilities; joint military exercises; coordinated disinformation and cyber operations; coordinated sanctions evasion; and coordinated engagement in multilateral organizations.
- This alignment allows each adversary to modernize its military more quickly than anticipated; threatens the effectiveness of U.S. economic tools; and raises the chance of U.S. conflict or tensions with any one adversary drawing in another, leading to simultaneous crises across multiple theaters.

Solution: The DISRUPT Act of 2025

• This bill calls for the U.S. government to disrupt and frustrate the most dangerous aspects of this cooperation; constrain this grouping from expanding its footprint; and prepare for the growing likelihood that the U.S. could face simultaneous challenges from multiple adversaries. This bill directs the development of a credible, long-term strategy to tackle the challenge of adversary alignment in concert with allies and partners.

Summary:

Section 1 – Short Title

• Names the bill the *Defending International Security by Restricting Unlawful Partnerships and Tactics* (DISRUPT) Act of 2025.

Section 2 – Findings

• Summarizes the challenges associated with increased cooperation between U.S. adversaries.

Section 3 – Sense of Congress

• Outlines the need to disrupt the growing relationships between U.S. adversaries and prepare for the growing possibility of simultaneous crises in order to secure U.S. national security interests.

Section 4 – Task Forces and Reports

- Requires a report from the Director of National Intelligence on the trajectory of adversary alignment across the diplomatic, information, military, and economic spheres and its impacts on U.S. interests.
- Requires a whole-of-government strategy to address this phenomenon.
- Requires the Secretaries of State, Defense, Commerce, and the Treasury, and the Directors of National Intelligence and of the Central Intelligence Agency to establish task forces on adversary alignment.

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