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Opening Statement (As Prepared)
Chairman Ruben Gallego
Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations:
*"Full Committee Markup of H.R. 7900 — National
Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023"*
June 22, 2022

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I first want to thank Ranking Member Trent Kelly for his partnership throughout the year as we developed this bipartisan mark. I also wish to thank all Members of the ISO subcommittee for their efforts and engagement on the critical issues that span the subcommittee's jurisdiction. Finally, I'd like to thank the professional staff for their tireless efforts to assist us in the development of a strong subcommittee mark – Shannon Green, Craig Greene, and Patrick Nevins, plus our committee clerk, Will Braden. I'd also like to thank my Military Legislative Assistant, Michelle Shevin-Coetzee, and my defense fellow, Charlie Juhl.

The ISO subcommittee mark was developed in a bipartisan manner and encompasses priorities submitted by all Members of the subcommittee and represents the unique and sensitive issue areas of our subcommittee. Our mark increases oversight of critical missions that enable the U.S. to share intelligence more quickly with allies and partners, build coalitions, and shine a light on disinformation. Our mark recognizes that these capabilities are more important than ever as we close ranks and increase coordination with our allies in light of ongoing unprovoked Russian aggression in Ukraine.

Our mark also strengthens the oversight framework for web-based Military Information Support Operations (MISO) and directs the Secretary of Defense to report on the deconfliction of information operations conducted by combatant commands, the joint staff, and the military services.

In addition, the mark:

- Requires a briefing on the implementation of SOCOM's Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan.
- Increases oversight of tactical and special operations peculiar intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities, as well as reporting of the open-source intelligence enterprise.
- Strengthens irregular warfare by codifying the authority in section 1202 of the FY2018 NDAA and requiring the Department to brief on its plans to expand irregular warfare operations to vetted allies and partners in the Indo Pacific region.
- And requires a briefing from the National Counterintelligence Task Force on threats to classified research and efforts to address vulnerabilities and threats to DOD funded research.

I am proud of what our subcommittee has accomplished this year, and I look forward to continuing strong oversight of intelligence and special operations.

With that, I yield back to Chairman Smith.

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