

1 **SEC. 1049. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON USE OF TEST SITES**  
2 **FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON**  
3 **COUNTERING UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYS-**  
4 **TEMS.**

5 *It is the sense of Congress that—*

6 *(1) the armed unmanned aircraft systems de-*  
7 *ployed by adversaries for military purposes pose a*  
8 *threat to military installations, critical infrastruc-*  
9 *ture, and members of the Armed Forces in conflict*  
10 *areas like Iraq and Syria;*

11 *(2) the unmanned aircraft systems test sites des-*  
12 *ignated by the Federal Aviation Administration offer*  
13 *unique capabilities, expertise, and airspace for re-*  
14 *search and development related to unmanned aircraft*  
15 *systems; and*

16 *(3) the Armed Forces should, as appropriate and*  
17 *to the extent practicable, seek to leverage the test sites*  
18 *described in paragraph (2), as well as existing De-*  
19 *partment of Defense facilities with appropriate exper-*  
20 *tise, for research and development on capabilities to*  
21 *counter the nefarious use of unmanned aircraft sys-*  
22 *tems.*

23 **Subtitle F—Studies and Reports**

24 **SEC. 1061. ASSESSMENT OF GLOBAL FORCE POSTURE.**

25 *(a) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-*  
26 *fense shall, in consultation with the Chairman of the Joint*



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