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The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman, HASC
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Subject: Proposed Markup for NDAA for FY 2027, Part 3

Dear Hon. Chairman Rogers:

This letter augments my letter to you, Subj: Proposed Markup for NDAA for FY 2027, Part 2, dated May 26, 2026. Please markup FY 2027, Section 814, REQUIREMENT FOR MODULAR OPEN SYSTEM APPROACH AND MODIFICATIONS TO RIGHTS IN TECHNICAL DATA. Please amend the markup to ensure that the term “digital engineering (DE) environments” is used consistently.

The current markup requires the Secretary of Defense to designate a lead organization responsible for governance, life-cycle management, standards adjudication, and configuration control of repositories established under this subsection. Such organization shall have demonstrated expertise in *DE environments*, model-based systems engineering, and use of modular open system approaches.

The current markup’s definition of the term ‘software development kit’ should be amended to be consistent with the preceding paragraph. It should also include the term “*digital engineering environments*.”

Is:

“(8) The term ‘software development kit’ means a collection of software tools and programs such as libraries, application programming interfaces, integrated development environments, engineering testing tools, or documentation used to create applications that are appropriate for a specific software platform.”

Should be:

“(8) The term ‘software development kit’ means a collection of software tools and programs such as libraries, application programming interfaces, integrated development environments, *digital engineering (DE) environments*, engineering testing tools, or documentation used to create applications that are appropriate for a specific software platform.”

The proposed amendment will not only provide consistency. It will also ensure that schedule management is included in the software development kit. Per DoDI 5000.97, DE, digital artifacts include “Schedules.” Per the current Section 814 draft, “Such assessment shall describe how a modular open system approach would “(6) reduce schedule delays and development timelines.”

Yours truly,



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