

## Highlights of H.R. 5077

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017

On April 27, 2016, Chairman Nunes introduced the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (H.R. 5077).

This legislation provides the Intelligence Community (IC) with the authorities needed to defend the United States; supports critical national security programs that protect Americans at a time when we face the most significant threat level since 9/11; and contains "good government" provisions that have earned bipartisan support. It does *not* contain any provisions related to surveillance authorities.

The total funding authorized by H.R. 5077 is consistent with the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, balancing fiscal discipline and national security. Among other things, the bill:

- **Shines a Light on Guantanamo Transfers** by requiring declassification review of intelligence on past terrorist activities of individuals transferred out of Guantanamo Bay.
- Strengthens Congressional Oversight of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB) by setting authorization requirements for the PCLOB and directing PCLOB to keep Congress fully informed of its activities in a timely way.
- Caps fees for mandatory declassification reviews to match costs of similar Freedom of Information Act requests.
- Updates IC Whistleblowing Procedures.
- Clarifies eligibility for death benefits for Central Intelligence Agency personnel.
- Improves IC Reporting to Congress by requiring the IC to provide:
  - o Statistics on IC personnel detailed to the National Security Council;
  - Threat reports submitted to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and IC impact statements on CFIUS transactions;
  - National Counterterrorism Center reporting on foreign fighter flows;
  - Follow-up reporting on IC scholarship programs; and
  - Reporting on defense intelligence acquisition milestones.