

Dear Senator Warren -

My name is Jonathan Linde and I am writing to ask that you support Senate Amendment 4593 to H.R. 4350. As you know, this amendment, originally submitted by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) on November 4, 2021 is now co-sponsored by Senators Marco Rubio, (R-FL), Lindsay Graham (R-SC), and Martin Heinrich (D-NM) (*see* 167 Cong. Rec. S8106 (Nov.15, 2021)). As currently drafted, it would establish an Anomaly Surveillance and Resolution Office (ASRO) within the Department of Defense and/or Office of the Director of National Intelligence to "synchronize and standardize the collection, reporting, and analysis of incidents . . . regarding unidentified aerial phenomena across the [DoD] and intelligence community (*see Id.*)."

While this topic has been the subject of ridicule for years, recent revelations indicate that a compelling body of evidence has been amassed by the U.S. military and various intelligence agencies documenting the existence of unidentified aerial phenomena capable of incomparable performance (*e.g.*, instantaneous acceleration to hypersonic velocities and sustained high-G maneuvers that would destroy conventional aircraft). These performance characteristics, all achieved without detectable means of propulsion, cannot be replicated by any operational or proposed military or experimental aircraft manufactured by the U.S. or its near-peer adversaries. Accordingly, the U.S. currently lacks any means by which it can restrict UAP from operating in close proximity to U.S. civil and military aircraft within restricted military airspace, over international waters, or within the National Airspace System generally.

There is no doubt that his subject remains controversial, but there are numerous aviation and aerospace professionals like myself - a pilot, aviation attorney, former USAF officer, and alumnus of the University of Chicago and Georgetown Law Center - who have concluded that a certain percentage of reported UAP are physical objects operating within the Earth's atmosphere utilizing technology that does not comport with our understanding of conventional aerodynamics or ballistics. As a result, it's critical that the U.S. establish an office of the sort Senator Gillibrand has proposed - one with a clear statutory mandate, wide-ranging and exclusive jurisdiction over UAP matters, clearly-articulated authority over DoD's various investigative agencies, and access to funding sufficient to enlist America's research universities and national laboratories in a joint public/private effort to address the security implications of these objects and investigate the scientific bases for their remarkable performance.

In light of the foregoing, I respectfully request that you support Sen. Gillibrand's amendment to the Defense Authorization Act and wish you, your husband, and Bailey all the best this holiday season. Thank you for your continued service to the citizens of Massachusetts and the country at large.

Regards,

Jonathan Linde