

RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE THE ORIGINAL COMMISSION TO ASSESS THE THREAT TO THE  
UNITED STATES FROM ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE (EMP) ATTACK

Whereas the original EMP Commission established by Congress in 2001 comprises the foremost experts in the Free World on natural and manmade EMP threats to the U.S. electric grid and other life-sustaining critical infrastructures; and,

Whereas the EMP Commission estimates that a natural or nuclear EMP event that blacks-out the North American electric grid for a year could kill up to 90% of the population from starvation, disease, and societal collapse; and,

Whereas President Trump's National Security Strategy is the first NSS to call for protecting the electric grid and other critical infrastructures from EMP, cyber, and physical threats; and,

Whereas the original EMP Commissioners and staff have studied EMP, cyber, and other threats to the electric grid and other critical infrastructures, and have spent 17 years developing cost-effective plans to defend against all these threats; and,

Whereas the original EMP Commissioners and staff have already passed the lengthy and thorough process of establishing security clearance so as not to delay this critical work at a vulnerable time when threats are ever present from those who would seek to do us harm;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the original EMP Commission should continue--and should not be replaced with a new EMP Commission with different commissioners and staff as proposed in the FY2018 National Defense Authorization Act--until Congress and the White House have implemented the recommendations of the original EMP Commission to protect the national electric grid and other critical infrastructures from the existential threat that is EMP. Moreover, the EMP threat as defined by the original EMP Commission reports should serve as the baseline threat for all U.S. Government planning.

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