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Amendment to H.R. 1960 Offered by Mr. Enyart of Illinois

At the appropriate place in title III, insert the following:

1 SEC. 3____. REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH POLICY ON JOINT 2 COMBAT UNIFORMS.

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of
4 the United States that by not later than October 1, 2018,
5 the Secretary of Defense shall require all military services
6 to use a joint combat camouflage uniform, including color
7 and pattern variants designed for specific combat environ8 ments.

9 (b) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection
10 (c), each military service shall be prohibited from adopting
11 a new combat camouflage uniform, unless—

(1) the combat camouflage utility uniform will
be a joint uniform adopted by all military services;
or

15 (2) the military services adopt a uniform cur-16 rently in use by another military service.

17 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—Nothing in subsection (b) shall be18 construed as—

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(1) prohibiting the development or fielding of
 combat and camouflage utility uniforms for use by
 personnel assigned to or operating in support of the
 unified combatant command for special operations
 forces described in section 167 of title 10, United
 States Code;

7 (2) prohibiting the military services from field8 ing ancillary uniform items, including headwear,
9 footwear, or other such items as determined by the
10 Secretaries of the military departments; or

(3) prohibiting the military services fromissuing working or vehicle crew uniforms.

(d) GUIDANCE REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
of Defense shall issue guidance to implement this section.
At a minimum, such guidance shall—

(1) require the Secretaries of the military departments to collaborate on the development of joint
criteria for the design, development, fielding, and
characteristics of combat camouflage uniforms;

(2) require the Secretaries of the military departments to ensure that new combat and camouflage utility uniforms meet the geographic and operational requirements of the commanders of the combatant commands; and

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1 (3) require the Secretaries of the military de-2 partments to ensure that all new combat and camou-3 flage utility uniforms achieve interoperability with 4 other components of individual war fighter systems, 5 including organizational clothing and individual 6 equipment such as body armor and other individual 7 protective systems.

8 (e) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive 9 the prohibition in subsection (b) if the Secretary certifies 10 to Congress that there are exceptional operational cir-11 cumstances that require the development or fielding of a 12 new combat camouflage uniform.

(f) REPEAL OF POLICY.—Section 352 of the National
Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public
Law 111-84, 123 Stat. 2262; 10 U.S.C. 771 note prec.)
is hereby repealed.

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