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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2500**  
**OFFERED BY MS. ESCOBAR OF TEXAS**

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

1 **SEC. 3** \_\_\_\_ . **DEVELOPMENT OF CLIMATE VULNERABILITY**  
2 **AND RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
5 shall develop a climate vulnerability and risk assessment  
6 tool to assist the military departments in measuring how  
7 the risks associated with climate change impact networks,  
8 systems, installations, facilities, and other assets, as well  
9 as the operational plans and capabilities of the Depart-  
10 ment of Defense.

11 (b) **CONSULTATION.**—In developing the tool under  
12 subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with the Admin-  
13 istrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Sec-  
14 retary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, the Admin-  
15 istrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin-  
16 istration, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency  
17 Management Agency, the Commander of the Army Corps  
18 of Engineers, the Administrator of the National Aero-  
19 nautics and Space Administration, a federally funded re-

1 search and development center, and the heads of such  
2 other relevant Federal agencies as the Secretary of De-  
3 fense determines appropriate.

4 (c) PREVAILING SCIENTIFIC CONSENSUS.—Before  
5 completing development of the tool under subsection (a),  
6 the Secretary shall obtain from a federally funded research  
7 and development center with which the Secretary has con-  
8 sulted under subsection (b) a certification in writing that  
9 the tool contains a methodology that adequately incor-  
10 porates the prevailing scientific consensus on climate  
11 change.

12 (d) REPORT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
15 retary shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
16 mittees a report describing the tool developed under  
17 subsection (a).

18 (2) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—The report under  
19 paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified  
20 form but may contain a classified annex if necessary.

21 (3) PUBLICATION.—Upon submittal of the re-  
22 port under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall pub-  
23 lish the unclassified portion of the report on an  
24 internet website of the Department that is available  
25 to the public.

1 (e) UPDATES TO TOOL.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—After submittal of the report  
3 under subsection (d), the Secretary of Defense shall  
4 update the climate vulnerability and risk assessment  
5 tool developed under subsection (a) as the Secretary  
6 considers necessary and appropriate, in consultation  
7 with the individuals and entities described in sub-  
8 section (b) and consistent with the prevailing sci-  
9 entific consensus as required under subsection (c).

10 (2) REPORT AND PUBLICATION.—Upon com-  
11 pleting an update to the tool under paragraph (1),  
12 the Secretary shall—

13 (A) submit to the congressional defense  
14 committees a report describing such update;  
15 and

16 (B) publish the unclassified version of such  
17 report on an internet website of the Depart-  
18 ment that is available to the public.

