

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900
OFFERED BY MR. GAETZ OF FLORIDA

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING COMBATING**
2 **EXTREMISM IN THE MILITARY.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The Department of Defense report titled
5 “Report on Countering Extremist Activity Within
6 the Department of Defense” released in December
7 2021 “. . .determined the number of substantiated
8 matters of members of the military who are subject
9 to official action due to engagement in prohibited ex-
10 tremist activity are fewer than 100 over the past
11 year”.

12 (2) On April 5, 2022, Secretary of Defense
13 Lloyd Austin testified to the Committee on Armed
14 Services of the House of Representatives that “On
15 the issue of the percentages of people that have—are
16 participating in extremist activities, you’ve heard me
17 say that 99.9 % of our people are doing the right
18 thing every day, and I’m proud of them for what
19 they do.”.

1 (3) On May 12, 2022, Chairman of the Com-
2 mittee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives, Adam Smith, during the Army fiscal
4 year 2023 budget hearing, highlighted the lack of
5 concern among the services and among members of
6 the Committee on White supremacy stating, “We’ve
7 had several hours, probably at this point like five
8 hours worth of hearings with the Army, the Navy,
9 and the Marine Corps this week and Mr. Gaetz is
10 the very first person to mention White supremacy.”.

11 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
12 gress that given the Department of Defense’s findings,
13 Secretary Austin’s testimony, and the statement of the
14 Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the
15 House of Representatives, Adam Smith, combating extre-
16 mism in the military should not be a top priority for the
17 Department of Defense.

