

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300**  
**OFFERED BY MR. LAWLER OF NEW YORK**

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1   **SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **REPORT ON COLLECTIVE DEFENSE TASK FORCE**  
2                                   **FOR THE INDO-PACIFIC.**

3           Not later than 1 year after the date of the establish-  
4   ment of this section, the Secretary of State shall submit  
5   to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee  
6   on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and  
7   the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee  
8   on Armed Services of the Senate a report that—

9                   (1) assesses whether a collective security agree-  
10   ment between the United States and Indo-Pacific al-  
11   lies and partners could serve as an effective and sus-  
12   tainable deterrent to further aggression or coercive  
13   actions by the People’s Republic of China and North  
14   Korea, including an evaluation of military, political,  
15   economic, and diplomatic dimensions;

16                   (2) identifies and evaluates which Indo-Pacific  
17   allies and partners would be willing to join, or under  
18   what conditions might be willing to join, such a col-  
19   lective security agreement, including an analysis of

1 each partner's strategic interests, domestic political  
2 constraints, and existing treaty obligations;

3 (3) analyzes risks associated with any potential  
4 collective security agreement, including implications  
5 for United States commitments under existing bilat-  
6 eral treaties, interoperability of forces, resource re-  
7 quirements, escalation risks, and potential impacts  
8 on regional stability;

9 (4) provides options for scope, structure, and  
10 implementation mechanisms of such an agreement,  
11 including but not limited to decisionmaking proc-  
12 esses, burden-sharing arrangements, rules of engage-  
13 ment, and crisis response mechanisms;

14 (5) examines historical precedents and com-  
15 parative models of collective security agreements  
16 (such as NATO and other regional frameworks) and  
17 assesses their applicability or limitations in the Indo-  
18 Pacific context; and

19 (6) makes a recommendation to Congress as to  
20 whether advancing collective defense or security co-  
21 operation in the Indo-Pacific region, including sug-  
22 gested diplomatic initiatives, confidence-building  
23 measures is necessary to deter malign actors.

