AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4563

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Insert after title VI the following (and redesignate the succeeding provisions accordingly):

TITLE VII—SENSE OF CONGRESS 1 RESPECT TO WITH DIS-2 **ENFRANCHISEMENT OF VOT-**3 **ERS OF COLOR** 4

5 SEC. 701. SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT NOBODY SHOULD 6

CELEBRATE THE DISENFRANCHISEMENT OF

7 VOTERS OF COLOR.

8 It is the sense of Congress that—

9 (1) the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitu-10 tion of the United States established that "The right 11 of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be 12 denied or abridged by the United States or by any 13 State on account of race, color, or previous condition 14 of servitude.";

15 (2) the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitu-16 tion of the United States created an explicit grant 17 of congressional power: "The Congress shall have 18 power to enforce this article by appropriate legisla-19 tion.";

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(3) the participation of every American, regard less of race, in American democracy is essential to
 the success of the United States;

4 (4) recently, the Republican Vice Chair of the
5 Wisconsin Elections Commission publicly praised
6 Republican efforts in the State to drive down voters
7 of color turnout in the 2022 election;

8 (5) in a post-election email to Republican sup-9 porters in Milwaukee, the Vice Chair wrote that Re-10 publicans "can be especially proud of the City of 11 Milwaukee (80.2% Dem Vote) casting 37,000 less 12 votes than cast in the 2018 election with the major 13 reduction happening in the overwhelming Black and 14 Hispanic areas.";

15 (6) according to the Vice Chair, "this great and 16 important decrease in Democrat[ic] votes in [Mil-17 waukee]" was due to a "well thought out multi-fac-18 eted plan," that included "Biting Black Radio Nega-19 tive Commercials run last few weeks of the election 20 cycle straight at Dem Candidates . . . [and a] sub-21 stantial & very effective Republican Coordinated 22 Election Integrity program resulting with [sic] lots 23 of Republican paid Election Judges & trained Ob-24 servers & extremely significant continued Court Liti-25 gation.";

(7) no individual, especially one engaged in the
 administration of American elections, should cele brate disparities in voter turnout by race; and
 (8) it is incumbent upon every member of this
 Congress to condemn racist rhetoric and attempts to
 disenfranchise voters of color on the part of elections
 officials.

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