

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NA-
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Strike section 8003.

At the appropriate place insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPLY**
2 **CHAIN RESILIENCY.**

3 (a) REPORT ON CRITICAL ITEMS.—Not later than 90
4 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
5 retary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees
6 on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-
7 resentatives a report containing each of the following:

8 (1) A description of the items the Secretary
9 considers critical with respect to—

10 (A) the ongoing response to the covered
11 public health emergency (as such term is de-
12 fined in section 8006(m)(1)); and

13 (B) future epidemic, pandemic, emergency,
14 or disaster scenarios.

15 (2) The quantities of the items described in
16 paragraph (1) that are available, as of the date of

1 the enactment of this Act, in inventories, emergency
2 caches, or other emergency inventories of the De-
3 partment of Veterans Affairs.

4 (3) The anticipated quantities of the items de-
5 scribed in paragraph (1) that would be necessary
6 under potential epidemic, pandemic, emergency, or
7 disaster scenarios the Secretary determines to be rel-
8 evant for planning purposes.

9 (b) PARTICIPATION IN WARSTOPPER PROGRAM.—
10 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
11 of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall com-
12 mence participation in the program known as the
13 “Warstopper Program” of the Defense Logistics Agency,
14 or any successor program.

15 (c) PROHIBITION ON RELIANCE ON REGIONAL IN-
16 VENTORIES.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall en-
17 sure that the Department does not exclusively rely on
18 holding regional, physical inventories of critical items in
19 order to respond to greater than expected needs for such
20 items during epidemic, pandemic, emergency, or disaster
21 situations.

22 (d) FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise
23 made available, there are appropriated, out of any money
24 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for each of fis-

1 cal years 2021 through 2025, \$30,000,000 for the Depart-
2 ment of Veterans Affairs to carry out this section.

