

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
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OFFERED BY Mr. Mann**

Insert at the appropriate place the following new section:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_\_ . CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.**

2 (a) **PLAN AND EXPENDITURES BY SECRETARY.—**

3 (1) **PLAN.**—Not later than 30 days after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
5 Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on  
6 Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives  
7 and the Senate a detailed plan for expending funds  
8 made available under this title, including a detailed  
9 justification for each expenditure.

10 (2) **REPORTS.**—On a weekly basis during the  
11 period beginning on the date on which the plan  
12 under paragraph (1) is submitted and ending seven  
13 days after the date on which the Secretary has ex-  
14 pended all funds made available under this title, the  
15 Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Vet-  
16 erans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and  
17 the Senate a report on the expenditure of such funds  
18 during the period covered by the report, including a

1 written justification for any deviation in such ex-  
2 penditures from such plan.

3 (b) INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDITS.—On a quarterly  
4 basis during the period ending 90 days after the date on  
5 which the Secretary has expended all funds made available  
6 under this title, the Inspector General of the Department  
7 of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on  
8 Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the  
9 Senate a report containing audits of expenditures made  
10 under this title during the period covered by the report.  
11 Each such report shall include—

12 (1) a comparison of how the funds are being ex-  
13 pended to how the funds were planned to be ex-  
14 pended in the plan under subsection (a)(1); and

15 (2) recommendations for the Secretary and  
16 Congress regarding how to ensure such funds are  
17 expended wisely, including possible areas that could  
18 lead to waste, fraud, and abuse.

19 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.—Not later  
20 than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary has  
21 expended all funds made available under this title, the  
22 Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to  
23 the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Rep-  
24 resentatives and the Senate a report containing a review  
25 of such expenditures. The report shall include—

1           (1) a review of the process of the Department  
2 of Veterans Affairs for preparing the request for  
3 funds;

4           (2) an accounting of how the funds were ex-  
5 pended;

6           (3) an explanation of whether such expenditures  
7 met the needs of veterans and the Department dur-  
8 ing the covered public health emergency (as defined  
9 in this title); and

10          (4) any recommendations to improve the proc-  
11 ess of identifying needs and expending funds during  
12 similar situations in the future.

13          (d) FUNDING.—In addition to the amounts otherwise  
14 made available for the Department of Veterans Affairs,  
15 there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any  
16 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
17 \$2,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022,  
18 to carry out subsections (a) and (b).

