

**AMENDMENT TO DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL**  
**OFFERED BY MS. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ OF**  
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At the appropriate place in the Report, insert:

*“Biorepository diversity.*—The Committee is encouraged by efforts within Defense Health Program (DHP), including health research programs, to better understand chronic diseases through biorepositories which store and catalogue used medical tissues for scientific understanding. Collecting and cataloging samples from a diverse population allows both the civilian medical community and DHP to perform research into health disparities in those populations and advance health equity. Therefore, the Committee urges the Secretary of Defense to expand funding opportunities to increase the number of samples from a diverse population and where possible, form cooperative partnerships with established civilian research efforts into biorepositories for diseases from diverse populations.”

