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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1735, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. FORBES OF VIRGINIA**

At the end of title X, add the following:

1 **SEC. 10__ . LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN LANDMINES.**

3 (a) **LIMITATION.**—Except as provided under sub-
4 section (b), none of the funds authorized to be appro-
5 priated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal
6 year 2016 for the Department of Defense may be obli-
7 gated or expended for the destruction of anti-personnel
8 landmines of the United States (as defined in the an-
9 nouncement of the President on September 23, 2014)
10 until—

11 (1) the Secretary of Defense publishes a com-
12 prehensive study on—

13 (A) the tactical and operational effects of
14 a ban on such landmines; and

15 (B) the current state of research into oper-
16 ational alternatives to such landmines;

17 (2) such alternatives are specifically authorized
18 by law and provided appropriations;

19 (3) such alternatives are fully deployed;

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1 (4) members of the Armed Forces of the United
2 States and allies of the United States are trained in
3 the use of such alternatives; and

4 (5) the Secretary certifies to the congressional
5 defense committees that the replacement of such
6 landmines by such alternatives will not endanger
7 members of the Armed Forces of the United States
8 or allies of the United States or pose any operational
9 challenges and that adequate stockpiles and manu-
10 facturing capacity exists to meet the needs of the
11 Armed Forces of the United States and allies of the
12 United States in current deployments and antici-
13 pated contingencies.

14 (b) EXCEPTION FOR SAFETY.—The limitation under
15 subsection (a) shall not apply to any anti-personnel land
16 mine that the Secretary certifies has become unsafe or
17 poses a safety risk if not demilitarized or destroyed.

