AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2500
OFFERED BY MS. ESCOBAR OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place in title III, insert the following:

SEC. 3. DEVELOPMENT OF CLIMATE VULNERABILITY AND RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall develop a climate vulnerability and risk assessment tool to assist the military departments in measuring how the risks associated with climate change impact networks, systems, installations, facilities, and other assets, as well as the operational plans and capabilities of the Department of Defense.

(b) CONSULTATION.—In developing the tool under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, a federally funded re-
search and development center, and the heads of such
other relevant Federal agencies as the Secretary of De-
defense determines appropriate.

(c) PREVAILING SCIENTIFIC CONSENSUS.—Before
completing development of the tool under subsection (a),
the Secretary shall obtain from a federally funded research
and development center with which the Secretary has con-
sulted under subsection (b) a certification in writing that
the tool contains a methodology that adequately incor-
porates the prevailing scientific consensus on climate
change.

(d) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
etary shall submit to the congressional defense com-
mittees a report describing the tool developed under
subsection (a).

(2) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—The report under
paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
form but may contain a classified annex if necessary.

(3) PUBLICATION.—Upon submittal of the re-
port under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall pub-
lish the unclassified portion of the report on an
internet website of the Department that is available
to the public.
(e) Updates to Tool.—

(1) In General.—After submittal of the report under subsection (d), the Secretary of Defense shall update the climate vulnerability and risk assessment tool developed under subsection (a) as the Secretary considers necessary and appropriate, in consultation with the individuals and entities described in subsection (b) and consistent with the prevailing scientific consensus as required under subsection (e).

(2) Report and Publication.—Upon completing an update to the tool under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

(A) submit to the congressional defense committees a report describing such update; and

(B) publish the unclassified version of such report on an internet website of the Department that is available to the public.