

**Amendment to H.R. 2500  
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020**

**Offered by: Mr. Lamborn of Colorado**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2500, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Report on the Feasibility and Cost of Net-Zero Greenhouse Emissions and  
Implementing H.Res. 109, the Green New Deal**

The Committee acknowledges that renewable energy sources only account for approximately 17 percent of domestic energy production, with wind accounting for less than 7 percent and solar accounting for less than 2 percent. The Committee also notes the Green New Deal, H.Res. 109 in 116th Congress, purports to require the United States to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions through a ten-year national mobilization. Some who support this course of action, namely the Green Party, recommend achieving the goals of the Green New Deal by cutting the military budget in half, returning all members of the Armed Forces who are deployed or stationed overseas to the United States, and closing all of the more than 800 United States military installations around the world. The Committee believes implementing the Green New Deal would be devastating to the military readiness of the United States and the ability of the Government of the United States to protect the homeland.

The Committee affirms energy security and diversity are vital to national security, and that it is in the Nation's best interest for the Department of Defense to maximize the use of renewable energy sources, and that an effort to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions would have a negative effect on the preparedness of the Armed Forces.

The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act which provides the following: an assessment of the technical feasibility of the Department of Defense achieving net-zero greenhouse emissions by the date that is ten years after the date of the enactment of this Act; the cost of the Department of Defense achieving net-zero greenhouse emissions by the date that is ten years after the date of the enactment of this Act; an assessment of the effects the effort to achieve net-zero greenhouse emissions by the date that is ten years after the date of the enactment

of this Act would have on the requirements for major service acquisition programs an assessment of the ability of the Department to implement the national defense strategy if required to achieve net-zero greenhouse emissions by the date that is ten years after the date of the enactment of this Act; how the implementation of the proposed Green New Deal would affect military readiness; the cost of closing all of the more than 800 overseas military installations; and how complying with the Green New Deal would affect the current threat environment and the ability of the Department of Defense to protect the homeland.