

Amendment to H.R. 4350 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022

Offered by: Mr. Rogers

The committee remains concerned about the safety of American citizens still remaining in Afghanistan who seek to leave and the ability to safely evacuate them with U.S. Armed Forces no longer in Afghanistan. Furthermore, the Committee continues to seek information regarding the risk of Afghanistan becoming a terrorist safe haven. The committee is particularly concerned that it has not been presented with clearly defined plans to conduct counterterrorism operations and respond to terrorist threats emanating from Afghanistan.

Therefore, not later than October 1, 2021, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a plan describing how the Secretary intends to carry out the following operations in Afghanistan:

- 1) support to the evacuation of American citizens or legal permanent residents seeking evacuation by the Department of State.
- 2) maintain air superiority.
- 3) intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions.
- 4) counterterrorism operations.

For each of these operations, the plan shall include –

1. an estimate of the number of servicemembers required to carry out such operations;
2. the assets, resources, and other capabilities the Department will employ to carry out such operations, including those required for Special Operations Forces peculiar assets and irregular warfare programs;
3. the location where such troops, assets, resources, and capabilities will be based;
4. intelligence requirements to maintain situational awareness;
5. the costs associated with carrying out such operations; and
6. whether other authorities or operational requirements for the continued counterterrorism mission in Afghanistan, including operations in and from adjacent regions, are required.