

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4350
OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA

At the appropriate place in title VII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7 ____ . SURVEYS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
2 **AND ADULT DEPENDENTS ON LETHAL MEANS**
3 **SAFETY.**

4 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—Notwithstanding section 1062
5 of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for
6 Fiscal Year 2011 (Public Law 111–383; 124 Stat. 4363;
7 10 U.S.C. 1030 note prec.), the Secretary of Defense may
8 conduct confidential surveys of members of the Armed
9 Forces and adult dependents of such members regarding
10 lethal means safety employed by such individuals, includ-
11 ing with respect to the safe storage of medication and fire-
12 arms.

13 (b) **VOLUNTARY BASIS OF SURVEYS.**—Responses to
14 surveys conducted pursuant to subsection (a) shall be pro-
15 vided on a voluntary basis.

16 (c) **REPORTS ON SUICIDE AMONG MEMBERS OF THE**
17 **ARMED FORCES.**—

18 (1) **EXTENSION.**—Section 741(a)(1) of the Na-
19 tional Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year

1 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat. 1467) is
2 amended by striking “ through January 31, 2021”.

3 (2) ADDITIONAL MATTERS.—The Secretary
4 shall include in each report required under section
5 741 of such Act (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat.
6 1467), as amended by paragraph (1), the following:

7 (A) A summary of the results of any sur-
8 veys conducted pursuant to subsection (a).

9 (B) An analysis of how such results may
10 inform efforts of the Department of Defense to
11 prevent suicides of members of the Armed
12 Forces and any dependents of such members.

13 (d) CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS.—In con-
14 ducting any survey pursuant to subsection (a), the Sec-
15 retary shall ensure, at a minimum, the following:

16 (1) To the extent practicable, the survey shall
17 be administered through means that preclude the
18 ability of the entity conducting the survey to identify
19 the survey respondent through personally identifiable
20 information.

21 (2) The results of the survey may be
22 disaggregated by rank, band, or other demographics,
23 but may not be disaggregated by a unit level below
24 the installation level, and any disaggregation shall be
25 carried out in manner that limits, to the extent prac-

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1 ticable, the potential that an individual respondent
2 may be easily identified.

3 (3) The survey questions shall be no more
4 invasive than necessary to address the safe storage
5 of lethal means.

