

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 1663  
OFFERED BY Ms. Ramirez**

Page 3, after line 5, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent paragraphs accordingly):

1           “(6)(A) Developing and implementing, on an  
2           annual basis, outreach campaigns and comprehensive  
3           training plans for veterans, the beneficiaries of  
4           veterans, and other individuals in receipt of benefits  
5           under the laws administered by the Secretary with  
6           respect to the most common fraud and scam activities  
7           affecting such veterans, such beneficiaries, and  
8           such individuals, including—

9                   “(i) multi-level marketing (MLM) business  
10           and pyramid schemes;

11                   “(ii) employment and career-training  
12           schemes;

13                   “(iii) credit bureau and credit card fraud;

14                   “(iv) investment schemes;

15                   “(v) scams involving prizes, sweepstakes,  
16           and lotteries;

1 “(vi) imposter scams (including business,  
2 government, tech support, and familial imper-  
3 sonation scams);

4 “(vii) fraudulent lending practices (includ-  
5 ing such practices with respect to mortgage and  
6 student loans);

7 “(viii) pension poaching;

8 “(ix) scams with respect to the preparation  
9 of claims for disability benefits under the laws  
10 administered by the Secretary;

11 “(x) fraud with respect to the disability  
12 benefit questionnaire forms of the Department  
13 described in section 5101(d) of this title;

14 “(xi) romance scams; and

15 “(xii) and any other matter as the Vet-  
16 erans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer deter-  
17 mines necessary.

18 “(B) The Secretary shall ensure that copies of  
19 the outreach campaigns and training plans under  
20 subparagraph (A) are available at facilities of the  
21 Department and on an publicly-available Internet  
22 website of the Department.”.

