

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3951
OFFERED BY Ms. Ramirez

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 SEC. 3. REINSTATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
2 AFFAIRS OFFICE OF EQUITY ASSURANCE; BI-
3 ANNUAL BRIEFING.

4 (a) REINSTATEMENT.—Not later than 30 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
6 Veterans Affairs shall—

7 (1) permanently reinstate the authority, func-
8 tions, responsibilities, research activities, of the Of-
9 fice of Equity Assurance of the Veterans Benefits
10 Administration;

11 (2) reinstate the employment of each employee
12 of the Office of Equity Assurance, if such employee
13 was terminated after January 20, 2025;

14 (3) ensure that a position in the Office of Eq-
15 uity Assurance may not be eliminated pursuant to a
16 reduction in force; and

17 (4) provide to the Committees on Veterans' Af-
18 fairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate
19 a briefing with respect to the status of the imple-
20 mentation of recommendations included in the re-

1 port of the Comptroller General of the United States
2 titled “VA Disability Benefits: Action Needed to
3 Further Examine Racial and Ethnic Disparities in
4 Compensation” (GAO–23–106097; published July
5 26, 2023).

6 (b) BIENNIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days
7 after the date on which the Secretary reinstates the Office
8 of Equity Assurance pursuant to subsection (a), and on
9 a biennial basis thereafter, the Under Secretary of Vet-
10 erans Affairs for Benefits shall provide to the Committees
11 on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives and
12 the Senate a briefing on the data, research, and analysis
13 developed by the Office of Equity Assurance during the
14 period covered by the briefing.

