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H. R. 6193

To direct the Secretary of the Navy to establish a pilot program to offer plant-based protein options at forward operating bases for consumption by members of the Navy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alternative Protein
5 Pilot Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PLANT-BASED PROTEIN PILOT PROGRAM OF THE**
2 **NAVY.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than March 1,
4 2022, the Secretary of the Navy shall establish a pilot pro-
5 gram to offer plant-based protein options at forward oper-
6 ating bases for consumption by members of the Navy.

7 (b) LOCATIONS.—Not later than March 1, 2022, the
8 Secretary shall select not fewer than two naval facilities
9 to participate in the pilot program and shall prioritize fa-
10 cilities (such as Joint Region Marianas, Guam, Navy Sup-
11 port Facility, Diego Garcia, and U.S. Fleet Activities
12 Sasebo, Japan) where livestock-based protein options may
13 be costly to obtain or store.

14 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
15 shall be construed to prevent offering livestock-based pro-
16 tein options alongside plant-based protein options at naval
17 facilities selected under subsection (b).

18 (d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program established
19 under this section shall terminate three years after the
20 date on which the Secretary establishes such pilot pro-
21 gram.

22 (e) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the ter-
23 mination of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit,
24 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
25 House of Representatives, a report on the pilot program.
26 Such report shall include the following elements:

1 (1) The consumption rate of plant-based pro-
2 tein options by members of the Navy under the pilot
3 program.

4 (2) A comparison of the costs of obtaining and
5 storing, at selected naval facilities—

6 (A) plant-based protein options; and

7 (B) storing livestock-based protein options.

8 (3) Effective criteria to increase plant-based
9 protein options at naval facilities other than those
10 selected under subsection (b).

11 (f) PLANT-BASED PROTEIN OPTIONS DEFINED.—In
12 this Act, the term “plant-based protein options” means
13 edible proteins made from plants (such as vegetables,
14 beans, and legumes), fungi, or other non-animal sources.

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