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H. R. 8896

To direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report on congressional increases to the budget of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

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. REPORT ON CONGRESSIONAL INCREASES TO**
4 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—At the same time that the Presi-
6 dent submits the budget to Congress under section 1105
7 of title 31, United States Code, for fiscal year 2024, the
8 Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional de-

1 fense committees a report on the programs and activities
2 of the Department of Defense for which a covered Act pro-
3 vided funding, through an authorization of appropriations
4 or an appropriation, in an amount that exceeded the
5 amount requested for such program or activity in the
6 budget for the Department of Defense submitted to Con-
7 gress by the President for fiscal year 2023.

8 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report required by
9 subsection (a) shall include each of the following:

10 (1) An identification of any program or activity
11 funded through a covered Act for which the budget
12 for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2023
13 indicated—

14 (A) divestment, either entirely or in part;
15 or

16 (B) a request for zero or for a reduced
17 number of units.

18 (2) An identification of any program or activity
19 funded through a covered Act in an amount that ex-
20 ceeded the amount requested in the budget for the
21 Department of Defense for fiscal year 2023 by
22 \$20,000,000 or more, and the total amount of ex-
23 cess funding provided for such programs and activi-
24 ties expressed as a percentage of the total amount

1 of funding provided for the Department of Defense
2 for fiscal year 2023.

3 (3) For each program or activity identified
4 under paragraph (1) or (2), an assessment of wheth-
5 er and how the program or activity does or does not
6 meet requirements in support of the priorities ar-
7 ticulated in the 2022 national defense strategy.

8 (c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The report required by
9 subsection (a) shall be made publicly available on the
10 website of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) The term “congressional defense commit-
13 tees” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
15 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;
16 and

17 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
18 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
19 of Representatives.

20 (2) The term “covered Act” means the National
21 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 or
22 the Defense Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2023.

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