



IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 12th, 2020

Mr. ROMERIO (for himself) introduced the following bill;

To repeal Section 1033 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997 and Section 2576a of Title 10 of the United States Code, and to return loaned weapons of the Department of Defense to the Department.

Be it enacted by the United States Senate in Congress Assembled,

Sec. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “The Freedom From Tyranny Act”

Sec. 2. FINDINGS

Congress finds that—

- (a) The over-militarization of Police changes how they view their job. The mentality of protecting and serving the Community is lost.
- (b) Militarization of police causes police to view themselves as if they were fighting a war against their Communities, instead of being part of them.
- (c) The 1033 Program in the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997 is the main source of Department of Defense Controlled Property, and is one of the major causes of Police over-militarization, and repealing its provisions is an important first step in rebuilding the Policing System.

Sec. 3. DEFINITIONS

In this act—

- (a) The term “Controlled Property (of the Department of Defense)” will be defined as any item assigned a demilitarization code of B, C, D, E, G, or Q under Department of Defense Manual 4160.21–M, “Defense Materiel Disposition Manual”, or any successor document, as defined in Section 2567a(f) of Title 10 of the U.S. Code.
- (b) The terms “The Secretary” and “The Department” refer to the Secretary and the Department of Defense.
- (c) The term “NDAA” is defined as the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997.

Sec. 4. AMENDMENTS

IN GENERAL— Section 1033 of the NDAA is hereby repealed, as is Section 2576a of Title 10 of the United States Code. All provisions in the sections are hereby repealed, and the Department of Defense shall no longer supply weapons to local Police Departments under these provisions.

Sec. 5. CONTROLLED PROPERTY

IN GENERAL— All controlled property of the Department held by the several Local Police Departments of the United States will be returned to the Department of Defense within six months of the signing of this bill.

Sec. 6. ENACTMENT

The provisions of this statute shall go into effect immediately.