



July 11, 2017

Dear Representative,

On behalf of our organizations and our combined memberships, we urge that the House Committee on Rules make the following amendments in order for consideration during debate on H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization bill for Fiscal Year 2018.

Each of these amendments relates to issues of importance to fiscal conservatives. We strongly believe the Pentagon's budget should not be shielded from efforts to root out waste and prioritize funding investments. Consideration of the substance of these amendments will allow a public debate on this issue.

Amendment #44 offered by Mr. Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania on a process to minimize duplication and reduce costs in studies and analysis research.

Amendment #52 offered by Mr. Smith of Washington to establish a new round of Base Closure and Realignment.

Amendment #67 offered by Mr. McClintock of California to strike the prohibition on a new round of Base Closure and Realignment.

Amendment #69 offered by Mr. Biggs of Arizona on auditing the Pentagon.

Amendment #85 offered by Mr. Burgess, Ms. Lee, Mr. Welch, Mr. DeFazio, Ms. Schakowsky and Mr. Lance for a report on auditing the Pentagon.

Amendment #97 offered by Mr. Cicilline of Rhode Island to update guidelines regarding the Overseas Contingency Operation (OCO) account.

Amendment #131 offered by Mr. Conyers, Mr. Blumenauer, Mr. Norman and Mr. Lewis to require public disclosure of certain cost information regarding the Long Range Strike Bomber.

Amendment #142 offered by Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Quigley, Mr. Blumenauer and Mr. Larsen to amend an annual report regarding the costs of the nuclear program.

Amendment #143 offered by Mr. Rogers of Alabama to amend an annual report regarding the costs of the nuclear program.

Amendment #286 offered by Mr. Graves of Louisiana to perform a cost-benefit analysis of military commissaries and exchanges.

Amendment #314 by Mr. Blumenauer, Mr. Garamendi and Mr. Quigley requiring the Nuclear Posture Review to be completed before all funds are expended on a certain missile system.

Amendment #318 by Mr. Norman of South Carolina requiring a publicly available update to the Department of Defense Infrastructure Capacity report of March, 2016.

Amendment #322 by Mr. Norman of South Carolina requiring the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Department of Defense (DoD) to establish separate budget accounts for OCO funds.

Amendment #323 offered by Mr. Sanford of South Carolina on the costs of military flyovers.

Amendment #324 offered by Mr. Sanford of South Carolina codifying an OMB memorandum regarding designation of programs as eligible for OCO funding.

Amendment #325 offered by Mr. Sanford and Mr. Hastings striking a requirement on footwear for newly enlisted members of the armed forces.

Amendment #371 offered by Mr. Conaway, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Jones and Ms. Lee regarding an audit of the Pentagon.

Amendment #380 offered by Ms. Lee and Mr. Jones regarding a reduction to the OCO account.

Again, we urge the House Committee on Rules make these amendments in order for consideration during debate on H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization bill for Fiscal Year 2018.

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