Amendment to Comm Print 114–51 Offered by Mrs. Comstock of Virginia

At the end of subtitle E of title V (page 153, after line 9), add the following new section:

1 SEC. 568. REPORT AND GUIDANCE REGARDING JOB TRAIN-

2	ING, EMPLOYMENT SKILLS TRAINING, AP-
3	PRENTICESHIPS, AND INTERNSHIPS AND
4	SKILLBRIDGE INITIATIVES FOR MEMBERS OF
5	THE ARMED FORCES WHO ARE BEING SEPA-
6	RATED.

7 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under 8 9 Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall 10 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-11 ate and the House of Representatives, and make available 12 to the public, a report evaluating the success of the Job Training, Employment Skills Training, Apprenticeships, 13 and Internships (known as JTEST-AI) and SkillBridge 14 initiatives, under which civilian businesses and companies 15 16 make available to members of the Armed Forces who are being separated from the Armed Forces training or intern-17 ship opportunities that offer a high probability of employ-18 19 ment for the members after their separation.

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(b) ELEMENTS OF REPORT.—In preparing the report
 required by subsection (a), the Under Secretary of De fense for Personnel and Readiness shall use the effective ness metrics described in Enclosure 5 of Department of
 Defense Instruction No. 1322.29. The report shall in clude, at a minimum, the following:

7 (1) An assessment of the successes of the
8 JTEST-AI and SkillBridge initiatives.

9 (2) Recommendations by the Under Secretary 10 regarding ways in which the administration of the 11 JTEST-AI and SkillBridge initiatives could be im-12 proved.

(3) Recommendations by civilian companies
participating in the initiatives regarding ways in
which the administration of the JTEST-AI and
SkillBridge initiatives could be improved.

17 (4) Testimony from a sample of members of the
18 Armed Forces who are participating in a JTEST-AI
19 or SkillBridge initiative regarding the effectiveness
20 of the initiatives and the members' support for the
21 initiatives.

(5) Testimony from a sample of recently separated members of the Armed Forces who participated in a JTEST-AI or SkillBridge initiative re-

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- garding the effectiveness of the initiatives and the
 members' support for the initiatives.
- 3 (c) ISSUANCE OF GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 4 days after the submission of the report required by subsection (a), the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel 5 and Readiness shall issue guidance to commanders of 6 7 units of the Armed Forces for the purpose of encouraging commanders, consistent with unit readiness, to allow 8 9 members of the Armed Forces under their command who are being separated from the Armed Forces to participate 10 11 in a JTEST-AI or SkillBridge initiative.

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