

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435
OFFERED BY MR. CONYERS OF MICHIGAN**

At the end of subtitle A of title XII of division A,
add the following:

1 **SEC. __. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR TRAINING,**
2 **EQUIPMENT, OR OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR**
3 **MEMBERS OF CERTAIN UNITS OF ORGANIZA-**
4 **TIONS OR GROUPS IN UKRAINE.**

5 (a) LIMITATION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds author-
7 ized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise
8 made available for fiscal year 2015 for the Depart-
9 ment of Defense may be obligated or expended for
10 any training, equipment, or other assistance for the
11 members of a unit of a security force, civilian mili-
12 tia, or other armed group in Ukraine, if—

13 (A) the Secretary of Defense has credible
14 information that the unit or its members have
15 taken public stances or taken actions that are
16 indicative of extremism, including—

17 (i) opposition or hostility to the con-
18 cept of liberal democracy;

1 (ii) opposition or hostility to the val-
2 ues of diversity and pluralism; and

3 (iii) praise or glorification of Nazism
4 or its collaborators, including through the
5 use of white supremacist, neo-Nazi, or
6 other similar symbols; and

7 (B) the Secretary of Defense determines
8 the unit has not taken necessary corrective
9 steps to repudiate or rectify such stances or ac-
10 tions by the unit or its members, including ini-
11 tiating internal processes, legal processes, or
12 disciplinary processes, as appropriate, not later
13 than 7 days after the date on which the unit re-
14 ceives notice of such stances or actions.

15 (2) CREDIBLE INFORMATION.—The Secretary
16 of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of
17 State, shall ensure that prior to making a deter-
18 mination to provide any training, equipment, or
19 other assistance for the members of a unit of a secu-
20 rity force, civilian militia, or other armed group in
21 Ukraine full consideration is given to any credible
22 information available to the Department of State re-
23 lating to any evidence of such extremist stances or
24 actions by a unit of such organization or group or
25 its members.

1 (b) EXCEPTION.—The limitation in subsection (a)(1)
2 shall not apply with respect to a unit of an organization
3 of group if the Secretary of Defense, after consultation
4 with the Secretary of State, determines that the equip-
5 ment or other assistance is necessary to assist in disaster
6 relief operations or other humanitarian or national secu-
7 rity emergencies.

8 (c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense, after con-
9 sultation with the Secretary of State, may waive the limi-
10 tation in subsection (a)(1) if the Secretary of Defense de-
11 termines that such waiver is required by extraordinary cir-
12 cumstances.

13 (d) REPORT.—Not more than 15 days after the appli-
14 cation of any exception under subsection (b) or the exer-
15 cise of any waiver under subsection (c), the Secretary of
16 Defense shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
17 tees a report—

18 (1) in the case of an exception under subsection

19 (b), providing—

20 (A) notice of the use of the exception; and

21 (B) the grounds for the exception; and

22 (2) in the case of a waiver under subsection (c),

23 describing—

24 (A) the information relating to such ex-

25 tremist stances or actions;

1 (B) the extraordinary or other cir-
2 cumstances that necessitate the waiver;

3 (C) the purpose and duration of the train-
4 ing, equipment, or other assistance; and

5 (D) the United States forces and the
6 Ukrainian security force unit involved.

