

**AMENDMENT TO H. J. RES. 124**  
**OFFERED BY MR. MCKEON OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of the joint resolution (before the short title), insert the following:

1       SEC. \_\_. (a) The Secretary of Defense is authorized,  
2 in coordination with the Secretary of State, to provide as-  
3 sistance, including training, equipment, supplies, and  
4 sustainment, to appropriately vetted elements of the Syr-  
5 ian opposition and other appropriately vetted Syrian  
6 groups and individuals for the following purposes:

7           (1) Defending the Syrian people from attacks  
8 by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL),  
9 and securing territory controlled by the Syrian oppo-  
10 sition.

11           (2) Protecting the United States, its friends  
12 and allies, and the Syrian people from the threats  
13 posed by terrorists in Syria.

14           (3) Promoting the conditions for a negotiated  
15 settlement to end the conflict in Syria.

16       (b) Not later than 15 days prior to providing assist-  
17 ance authorized under subsection (a) to vetted recipients  
18 for the first time—

1           (1) the Secretary of Defense, in coordination  
2           with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the ap-  
3           propriate congressional committees and leadership of  
4           the House of Representatives and Senate a report,  
5           in unclassified form with a classified annex as ap-  
6           propriate, that contains a description of—

7                   (A) the plan for providing such assistance;

8                   (B) the requirements and process used to  
9                   determine appropriately vetted recipients; and

10                  (C) the mechanisms and procedures that  
11                  will be used to monitor and report to the appro-  
12                  priate congressional committees and leadership  
13                  of the House of Representatives and Senate on  
14                  unauthorized end-use of provided training and  
15                  equipment and other violations of relevant law  
16                  by recipients; and

17           (2) the President shall submit to the appro-  
18           priate congressional committees and leadership of  
19           the House of Representatives and Senate a report,  
20           in unclassified form with a classified annex as ap-  
21           propriate, that contains a description of how such  
22           assistance fits within a larger regional strategy.

23           (c) The plan required in subsection (b)(1) shall in-  
24           clude a description of—

1           (1) the goals and objectives of assistance au-  
2           thorized under subsection (a);

3           (2) the concept of operations, timelines, and  
4           types of training, equipment, and supplies to be pro-  
5           vided;

6           (3) the roles and contributions of partner na-  
7           tions;

8           (4) the number of United States Armed Forces  
9           personnel involved;

10          (5) any additional military support and  
11          sustainment activities; and

12          (6) any other relevant details.

13          (d) Not later than 90 days after the Secretary of De-  
14          fense submits the report required in subsection (b)(1), and  
15          every 90 days thereafter, the Secretary of Defense, in co-  
16          ordination with the Secretary of State, shall provide the  
17          appropriate congressional committees and leadership of  
18          the House of Representatives and the Senate with a  
19          progress report. Such progress report shall include a de-  
20          scription of—

21                 (1) any updates to or changes in the plan,  
22                 strategy, vetting requirements and process, and end-  
23                 use monitoring mechanisms and procedures, as re-  
24                 quired in subsection (b)(1);

1           (2) statistics on green-on-blue attacks and how  
2 such attacks are being mitigated;

3           (3) the groups receiving assistance authorized  
4 under subsection (a);

5           (4) the recruitment, throughput, and retention  
6 rates of recipients and equipment;

7           (5) any misuse or loss of provided training and  
8 equipment and how such misuse or loss is being  
9 mitigated; and

10          (6) an assessment of the effectiveness of the as-  
11 sistance authorized under subsection (a) as meas-  
12 ured against subsections (b) and (c).

13          (e) For purposes of this section, the following defini-  
14 tions shall apply:

15           (1) The term “appropriately vetted” means,  
16 with respect to elements of the Syrian opposition  
17 and other Syrian groups and individuals, at a min-  
18 imum, assessments of such elements, groups, and in-  
19 dividuals for associations with terrorist groups, Shia  
20 militias aligned with or supporting the Government  
21 of Syria, and groups associated with the Government  
22 of Iran. Such groups include, but are not limited to,  
23 the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL),  
24 Jabhat al Nusrah, Ahrar al Sham, other al-Qaeda  
25 related groups, and Hezbollah.

1           (2) The term “appropriate congressional com-  
2           mittees” means—

3                   (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
4                   Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee  
5                   on Appropriations, and the Permanent Select  
6                   Committee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-  
7                   resentatives; and

8                   (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
9                   Committee on Foreign Relations, the Com-  
10                  mittee on Appropriations, and the Select Com-  
11                  mittee on Intelligence of the Senate.

12          (f) The Department of Defense may submit a re-  
13          programming or transfer request to the congressional de-  
14          fense committees for funds made available by section  
15          101(a)(3) of this joint resolution and designated in section  
16          114 of this joint resolution to carry out activities author-  
17          ized under this section notwithstanding sections 102 and  
18          104 of this joint resolution.

19          (g) The Secretary of Defense may accept and retain  
20          contributions, including assistance in-kind, from foreign  
21          governments to carry out activities as authorized by this  
22          section which shall be credited to appropriations made  
23          available by this joint resolution for the appropriate oper-  
24          ation and maintenance accounts, except that any funds so  
25          accepted by the Secretary shall not be available for obliga-

1 tion until a reprogramming action is submitted to the con-  
2 gressional defense committees: *Provided*, That amounts  
3 made available by this subsection are designated by the  
4 Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global  
5 War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the  
6 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
7 1985: *Provided further*, That such amounts shall be avail-  
8 able only if the President so designates such amounts and  
9 transmits such designations to the Congress.

10 (h) The authority provided in this section shall con-  
11 tinue in effect through the earlier of the date specified  
12 in section 106(3) of this joint resolution or the date of  
13 the enactment of an Act authorizing appropriations for  
14 fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department  
15 of Defense.

16 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to con-  
17 stitute a specific statutory authorization for the introduc-  
18 tion of United States Armed Forces into hostilities or into  
19 situations wherein hostilities are clearly indicated by the  
20 circumstances.

21 (j) Nothing in this section supersedes or alters the  
22 continuing obligations of the President to report to Con-  
23 gress pursuant to section 4 of the War Powers Resolution

- 1 (50 U.S.C. 1543) regarding the use of United States
- 2 Armed Forces abroad.

