Amendment to H.R. 4310, as Reported Offered by Mr. Carson of Indiana

At the end of subtitle E of title III, add the following new section:

 1 SEC. 3____. SURVEY AND REPORT ON PERSONAL PROTEC

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 TION EQUIPMENT NEEDED BY MEMBERS OF

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 THE ARMED FORCES DEPLOYED ON THE

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 GROUND IN COMBAT ZONES.

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con6 gress that, when sending members of the United States
7 Armed Forces into combat, the United States has an obli8 gation to ensure that—

9 (1) the members are properly equipped with the
10 best available protective equipment and supplies; and
11 (2) the members, or their family and friends,
12 never feel compelled to purchase additional equip13 ment and supplies to be safer in combat.

14 (b) SURVEY REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days 15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary 16 of Defense shall conduct an anonymous survey among 17 members and former members of the Armed Forces who 18 were deployed on the ground in a combat zone since Sep-19 tember 11, 2001, requesting information on what kinds $\mathbf{2}$

of personal protection equipment (such as body armor and 1 2 ballistic eyewear) the member believes should have been provided to members during deployment but were not pro-3 4 vided. The Secretary shall include in the survey questions 5 about whether members, their families, or other persons purchased any personal protection equipment because the 6 7 Armed Forces did not provide the equipment and the 8 types and quantity of equipment purchased.

9 (c) REPORT ON RESULTS OF SURVEY.—Not later
10 than 180 days after the completion of the survey required
11 by subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense shall submit
12 to Congress a report—

13 (1) describing the results of the survey;

- (2) describing the types and quantity of personal protection equipment not provided by the
 Armed Forces and purchased instead by or on behalf
 of members of the Armed Forces to protect themselves;
- (3) explaining why such personal protectionequipment was not provided; and
- 21 (4) recommending future funding solutions to22 prevent the omission in the future.

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