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At the end of subtitle D of title X, add the following new section:

1	SEC. 10 LIMITATION ON CONTRACT AUTHORITY TO IM-
2	PROVE REPRESENTATION IN CERTAIN MEDIA
3	PROJECTS INVOLVING DEPARTMENT OF DE-
4	FENSE.
5	(a) Limitation on Contract Authority.—Nei-
6	ther the Secretary of Defense, nor any Secretary of a mili-
7	tary department, may enter into a covered contract for
8	any film or publishing project for entertainment-oriented
9	media unless the covered contract includes a provision that
10	requires consideration of diversity in carrying out the
11	project, including consideration of the following:
12	(1) The composition of the community rep-
13	resented in the project and whether such community
14	is inclusive of historically marginalized communities.
15	(2) The depiction of the community represented
16	in the project and whether or not the project ad-
17	vances any inaccurate or harmful stereotypes as a
18	result of such depiction.

1	(b) Annual Reports.—Not later than one year
2	after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
3	thereafter for five years, the Secretary of Defense shall
4	submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House
5	of Representatives and the Senate a report containing,
6	with respect to the year covered by the report, the fol-
7	lowing:
8	(1) The total number of projects for which the
9	Secretary provided assistance pursuant to a covered
10	contract.
11	(2) A summary of the projects specified in
12	paragraph (1).
13	(3) A summary of the communities represented
14	in such projects.
15	(4) A summary of the involvement of the De-
16	partment of Defense with respect to such projects.
17	(c) Definitions.—In this section:
18	(1) The term "covered contract" means a con-
19	tract or production assistance agreement entered
20	into with a nongovernmental entertainment-oriented
21	media producer or publisher.
22	(2) The term "entertainment-oriented media"
23	includes books and other forms of print media that
24	are entertainment-oriented.

1	(3) The term "marginalized community" means
2	a community of individuals that is, or historically
3	was, under-represented in the industry of film, tele-
4	vision, or publishing, including—
5	(A) women;
6	(B) racial and ethnic minorities;
7	(C) individuals with disabilities; and
8	(D) members of the LGBTQ communities.
9	(4) The term "military department" has the
10	meaning given such term in section 101 of title 10,
11	United States Code.

