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At the end of subtitle H of title V, add the following:

SEC. 578. REPORT TO CONGRESS ON EFFORTS TO INCREASE DIVERSITY AND REPRESENTATION IN FILM, TELEVISION, AND PUBLISHING.

(a) PROMULGATION OF POLICY.—The Secretary of Defense and each Secretary of a military department shall promulgate a policy to promote, to the maximum extent possible, the depiction of marginalized communities in projects with the film, television, and publishing industries carried out through the respective offices of public affairs.

(b) CONSIDERATION OF DEPICTION OF CERTAIN COMMUNITIES.—The Secretary of Defense and each Secretary of a military department shall consider the promotion of a marginalized community as an affirmative factor in any decision to provide assistance to a production studio or publishing company through the respective offices of public affairs.

(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with each Secretary of a mili-
tary department, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on—

(1) the policies promulgated under subsection (a); and

(2) the activities carried out by the Secretary of Defense and each such Secretary of a military department pursuant to such subsection.

(d) DEFINITION OF MARGINALIZED COMMUNITY.—In this section, the term “marginalized community” means a community—

(1) that is (or historically was) under-represented in the film, television, and publishing industries, including—

(A) women;

(B) racial and ethnic minorities;

(C) individuals with disabilities;

(D) members of the LGBTQ community;

(E) individuals of all ages; and

(F) other individuals from under-represented communities; and

(2) whose members have served in the Armed Forces.