AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4310, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. CHU OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of section 535, relating to efforts to prevent and respond to hazing incidents involving members of the Armed Forces, add the following new subsections:

(f) ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The database required by subsection (b) shall be used to develop and implement an annual congressional report.

(2) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than January 15 of each year, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security (with respect to the Coast Guard) shall submit to the designated congressional committees a report on the hazing incidents involving members of the Armed Forces during the preceding year.

(3) ELEMENTS.—Each report shall include the following:

(A) an assessment by the Secretaries of the implementation during the preceding year of the policies and procedures of each Armed Force on the prevention of and response to hazing involving members of the Armed Forces in
order to determine the effectiveness of such policies and procedures.

(B) Data on the number of alleged and substantiated hazing incidents within each Armed Force that occurred that year, including the race, gender and Armed Force of the victim and offender, the nature of the hazing, and actions taken to resolve and address the hazing.

(g) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—

(1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the designated congressional committees a report on the policies to prevent hazing and systems initiated to track incidents of hazing in each of the Armed Forces, including officer cadet schools, military academies, military academy preparatory schools, and basic training and professional schools for enlisted members.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) An evaluation of the definition of hazing used pursuant to subsection (e).
(B) A description of the criteria used, and the methods implemented, in the systems to track incidents of hazing in the Armed Forces.

(C) An assessment of the following:

   (i) The scope of hazing in each Armed Force.

   (ii) The policies in place and the training on hazing provided to members throughout the course of their careers for each Armed Force.

   (iii) The actions taken to mitigate hazing incidents in each Armed Force.

   (iv) The effectiveness of the training and policies in place regarding hazing.

   (v) The number of alleged and substantiated incidents of hazing over the last five years for each Armed Force, the nature of these cases and actions taken to address such matters through non-judicial and judicial action.”

(D) An evaluation of the additional actions, if any, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security propose to take to further address the incidence of hazing in the Armed Forces.
(E) Such recommendations as the Comptroller General considers appropriate for improving hazing prevention programs, policies, and other actions taken to address hazing within the Armed Forces.

(h) DESIGNATED CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In subsections (f) and (g), the term “designated congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.