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OFFERED BY MR. DELANEY OF MARYLAND

Page 375, after line 8, insert the following:

SEC. 1040. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO CLOSE BIO-SAFETY LEVEL 4 LABORATORIES.

(a) LIMITATION.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated in this Act may be used to support the closure or transfer of a biosafety level 4 laboratory until the heads of the Federal agencies that use the laboratory jointly certify to the covered congressional committees that the closure or transfer of the lab would not have a negative effect on biological defense capabilities and would not result in a lapse of biological defense capabilities.

(b) COVERED CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this section, the term “covered congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives;

(2) the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and House of Representatives;

(3) the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives;
(4) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate;

(5) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives;

(6) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

(7) the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives; and

(8) the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives.