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

SEC. 3. OFFICE OF ENGAGEMENT FOR PFAS-IMPACTED DEFENSE COMMUNITIES.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITE.—The term “formerly used defense site” has the meaning given such term in section 345(f) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 1645; 10 U.S.C. 2715 note).

(2) PERFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCE AND POLYFLUORALKYL SUBSTANCES.—The terms “perfluoroalkyl substance” and “polyfluoralkyl substance” have the meanings given such terms in section 333(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3531; 10 U.S.C. 3062 note), as amended by section 333(a) of this Act.
(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish an office to be known as the Office of Engagement for PFAS–Impacted Defense Communities.

(c) PURPOSE OF OFFICE.—The purpose of this Office shall be to improve the outreach, education, and communication efforts of the Department of Defense with respect to current or former defense communities within the United States that have been impacted by the contamination or leakage of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances.

(d) FUNCTION OF OFFICE.—The Office shall be a dedicated liaison between the Department and State and local governments, advocacy organizations, and individuals residing in the surrounding defense community of any site under the jurisdiction of the Department or formerly used defense site at which the Secretary is conducting remediation activities.