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SEC. 2____. Department Of Defense Spend Plan on Certain Reprogrammed Military Construction and Family Housing Funds

The Committee acknowledges the Department of Defense's notification to Congress of the decision to reprogram funds originally designated to support military construction and family housing projects toward support of the border mission. The Committee also recognizes that continued underfunding of military construction requirements have allowed for persistent degradation of service member quality of life, as included in the September 2023 GAO report titled, "Military Barracks: Poor Living Conditions Undermine Quality of Life and Readiness." As such, the Committee is concerned about the impacts to service member quality of life, military construction project programming, and projected barracks improvements due to these actions. To ensure appropriate oversight on this matter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit a detailed spend plan, no later than 30 days after enactment, to the Congressional Appropriations Committees, on all Military Construction and Family Housing monies reprogrammed or reallocated to support border operations and border barrier construction. This spend plan shall, at minimum, include the following:

(a) The total funds reprogrammed or reallocated for these purposes;

(b) The sources of funds to support each component listed in subsection (B), by account;

(c) The status of unobligated balances and military construction projects experiencing cost growth that will require future reprogrammings;

(d) The original spend plan for all funds sourced from military construction and family housing accounts;

(e) A list of specific military construction and family housing projects that will be delayed, reduced, or canceled due to the reallocation of funds;

(f) The total number of projected service members and dependents to be housed in any of the military construction or family housing projects impacted by this reallocation of funds.