AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. GAETZ OF FLORIDA

At the end of subtitle J of title V, insert the following:

SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO REFUSE TO RECEIVE A VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19.

(a) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) no member of the Armed Forces should be involuntarily separated solely on the basis of the refusal of such member to receive a vaccination against COVID–19;

(2) the Secretary concerned should reinstate each covered individual as a member of the Armed Force concerned, in the same rank and grade the covered individual held at the time of separation from the Armed Force concerned; and

(3) a covered individual reinstated as described in paragraph (2) should be entitled to back pay and benefits for the period between such separation and reinstatement of the covered individual.
(b) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered individual” means an individual who was involuntarily separated from an Armed Force solely on the basis of the refusal of such individual to receive a vaccination against COVID-19.