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OFFERED BY MR. GAETZ OF FLORIDA

At the end of subtitle B of title IX, add the following new section:

SEC. 9. PROHIBITION ON SUPPORT FOR THE JOINT STAFF CIVIL DISTURBANCE CELL OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER.

(a) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that the Joint Staff Civil Disturbance Cell of the National Military Command Center no longer deserves to receive Federal funding due to its monitoring and labeling of Members of Congress as security threats.

(b) DOD Funding Prohibition.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 or any fiscal year thereafter for the Department of Defense may be—

(1) provided to the Joint Staff Civil Disturbance Cell of the National Military Command Center;

or

(2) obligated or expended for any purpose relating to the activities of the Cell.
(e) Prohibition on Other Federal Funding.—Beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, no department or agency of the Federal Government may increase the amount of funding provided to the Joint Staff Civil Disturbance Cell for a fiscal year beyond the level provided by that department or agency in fiscal year 2023.

(d) Prohibition on DOD Participation.—No member of the Armed Forces or civilian employee of the Department of Defense may participate in any activity of the Joint Staff Civil Disturbance Cell.

(e) Prohibition on Establishment of Similar Entity.—The Secretary of Defense may not establish any entity within the Department of Defense with a mission or functions substantially similar to the mission and functions of the Joint Staff Civil Disturbance Cell.

(f) Enforcement.—

(1) Referral to Attorney General.—Any suspected violation of this section shall be referred to the Attorney General for investigation and appropriate criminal or civil enforcement action.

(2) Penalties.—An individual found in to be in violation of this section shall be subject the following penalties—

(A) In the case of an individual who is civilian employee of the Department of Defense—
(i) termination of employment;

(ii) loss of security clearance; and

(iii) forfeiture of benefits and allowances.

(B) In the case of an individual who is a member of the Armed Forces, discharge under other than honorable conditions.

(g) INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTS.—Not later than January 1 each year, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that identifies each individual found to be in violation of this section by name, rank, and position within the Department.