

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-33**  
**OFFERED BY MR. HAMADEH OF ARIZONA**

Strike section 333 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 333. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO SUSTAINMENT OF**

2 **A-10 AIRCRAFT AND RELATED TRAINING.**

3 (a) **LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—**

4 (1) **LIMITATION ON DIVESTMENT ACTIVITIES.—**

5 Not more than 85 percent of the funds authorized  
6 to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made  
7 available for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of  
8 Defense for covered divestment activities with re-  
9 spect to the A-10 fleet may be obligated or ex-  
10 pended to carry out such an activity until the Sec-  
11 retary of the Air Force submits to the congressional  
12 defense committees—

13 (A) the roadmap required under subsection

14 (d); and

15 (B) a certification that such roadmap ad-  
16 dresses each requirement under subsection (b).

17 (2) **LIMITATION ON TRAINING TRANSITION**  
18 **FROM DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE.—**None of  
19 the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act

1 or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for  
2 the Department of Defense may be obligated or ex-  
3 pended to transition covered training functions at  
4 Davis–Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, to another  
5 military installation unless the Secretary of the Air  
6 Force submits to the congressional defense commit-  
7 tees a certification that—

8 (A) continuation of such functions at  
9 Davis–Monthan Air Force Base is not feasible  
10 without carrying out a major military construc-  
11 tion project; and

12 (B) the transition of such functions to  
13 such other military installation would not mate-  
14 rially increase costs, delay operational avail-  
15 ability, reduce local access to qualified per-  
16 sonnel, degrade training quality, or result in the  
17 violation of any requirement under subsection  
18 (b).

19 (3) LIMITATION ON REDUCTION OF FUNCTIONS  
20 AT NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE.—None of the funds au-  
21 thorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise  
22 made available for fiscal year 2027 for the Depart-  
23 ment of Defense may be obligated or expended to re-  
24 duce, eliminate, deactivate, transfer, or fail to re-  
25 store the weapons instructor course for A–10 air-

1       craft offered through the United States Air Force  
2       Weapons School located at Nellis Air Force Base,  
3       Nevada, or any such successor course, in a manner  
4       that presumes future congressional authority to di-  
5       vest the A-10 fleet.

6       (b) SUSTAINMENT REQUIREMENTS.—

7           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air  
8       Force shall maintain sufficient training capacity, de-  
9       velopment, test, and evaluation capacity, depot-level  
10      maintenance and repair capacity, supply, logistics,  
11      and contractor capacity, and other sustainment-re-  
12      lated capacity to ensure the A-10 fleet remains  
13      operationally viable through fiscal year 2030 (in this  
14      section, referred to as the “covered period”), includ-  
15      ing with respect to each mission and capability of  
16      such fleet as of the date of the enactment of this Act  
17      (including combat search and rescue missions).

18           (2) CERTAIN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—The  
19      capacity required under paragraph (1) shall include,  
20      at a minimum, the following:

21           (A) A requirement that, on an annual  
22      basis during the covered period, not fewer than  
23      14 pilots receive the qualifications, or requali-  
24      fications, necessary for the operation of A-10  
25      aircraft.

1 (B) A requirement that, on an annual  
2 basis during the covered period, not fewer than  
3 four officers receive advanced instructor quali-  
4 fications, or requalifications, through the weap-  
5 ons instructor course for A-10 aircraft offered  
6 through the United States Air Force Weapons  
7 School.

8 (C) A requirement that, for the duration of  
9 the covered period, the Secretary maintains a  
10 fighter pilot specialty community with respect  
11 to the A-10 mission set, including the Air  
12 Force Specialty Code 11F3B (or any successor  
13 specialty code or designation), in a manner that  
14 establishes the A-10 mission set as a primary  
15 area of pilot training, operational experience,  
16 and career development rather than a secondary  
17 or collateral area.

18 (3) PRESERVATION OF FUNCTIONS AT NELLIS  
19 AIR FORCE BASE.—In carrying out this subsection,  
20 the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent prac-  
21 ticable, maintain at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada,  
22 the weapons instructor course for A-10 aircraft of-  
23 fered through the United States Air Force Weapons  
24 School and associated support functions, including  
25 access to ramp space, hangars, office space, simu-

1       lator or mission-planning facilities, ranges, and other  
2       relevant infrastructure as necessary to meet the re-  
3       quirement under paragraph (1).

4               (4) PRESERVATION OF FUNCTIONS AT DAVIS-  
5       MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE.—In carrying out this  
6       subsection, the Secretary shall, to the maximum ex-  
7       tent practicable, maintain at Davis–Monthan Air  
8       Force Base, Arizona, the core ground-based training  
9       system, simulators, and other training infrastructure  
10      necessary for pilots to receive qualification or re-  
11      qualification for the operation of A–10 aircraft as  
12      necessary to meet the requirement under paragraph  
13      (1).

14              (5) FORMAL TRAINING UNIT.—In carrying out  
15      this subsection, the Secretary shall maintain a for-  
16      mal training unit of the Air Force for providing to  
17      pilots the qualifications necessary for the operation  
18      of A–10 aircraft, and a process for the requalifica-  
19      tion of pilots formerly so qualified.

20              (6) USE OF EXISTING OR REPURPOSED INFRA-  
21      STRUCTURE.—In carrying out this subsection, the  
22      Secretary shall seek to use existing or repurposed fa-  
23      cilities, hangars, ramp space, and other support in-  
24      frastructure for the purpose of meeting the require-  
25      ment under paragraph (1) and may not initiate any

1 new military construction project for such purpose  
2 unless the Secretary certifies to the congressional  
3 defense committees that—

4 (A) existing or repurposed facilities are in-  
5 sufficient for such purpose;

6 (B) the proposed military construction  
7 project is the minimum cost necessary to meet  
8 such requirement; and

9 (C) the proposed military construction  
10 project will not materially interfere with the  
11 beddown and mission requirements of the 492d  
12 Special Operations Wing at Davis–Monthan Air  
13 Force Base, Arizona.

14 (7) BUDGET MATERIALS.—Concurrent with the  
15 submission to Congress of a budget pursuant to sec-  
16 tion 1105 of title 31, United States Code, for each  
17 of fiscal years 2028 through 2030, the Secretary of  
18 Defense shall submit to the congressional defense  
19 committees a report on the amounts necessary to  
20 implement this subsection.

21 (c) ANNUAL REPORT ON A–10 SUSTAINMENT.—

22 (1) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1,  
23 2027, and annually thereafter until March 1, 2030,  
24 the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the  
25 congressional defense committees a report describing

1 the extent to which the Department of the Air Force  
2 met the requirements under subsection (b) during  
3 the preceding fiscal year.

4 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required under  
5 paragraph (1) shall include, at a minimum, the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 (A) An identification of the number of pi-  
8 lots that received the qualifications necessary  
9 for the operation of A-10 aircraft during the  
10 preceding fiscal year, disaggregated by whether  
11 such qualifications were an initial qualification  
12 or a requalification.

13 (B) An identification of the number of offi-  
14 cers that received advanced instructor qualifica-  
15 tions through the weapons instructor course for  
16 A-10 aircraft offered through the United States  
17 Air Force Weapons School, disaggregated by  
18 whether such qualifications were an initial qual-  
19 ification or a requalification.

20 (C) A description of the status of actions  
21 taken to meet the requirement under subsection  
22 (b)(5) during the preceding fiscal year, and any  
23 related instructor shortfalls.

24 (D) A description of the status of oper-  
25 ational test and evaluation capacity with respect

1 to the A-10 fleet, including major limitations  
2 affecting airworthiness, weapons integration,  
3 tactics development, or mission effectiveness.

4 (E) A comparative analysis of research, de-  
5 velopment, test, and evaluation funding and  
6 resourcing for the A-10 fleet during the pre-  
7 ceding 10 fiscal years, including an identifica-  
8 tion of—

9 (i) any major test, evaluation, mod-  
10 ernization, or capability-integration efforts  
11 that were delayed, denied, cancelled, or not  
12 pursued;

13 (ii) the stated basis for each such de-  
14 cision; and

15 (iii) an assessment of whether devel-  
16 opmental or operational test capacity was  
17 materially constrained by underfunding,  
18 understaffing, or the rejection of otherwise  
19 feasible low-cost or no-additional-cost ef-  
20 forts.

21 (F) The status of programmed depot-level  
22 maintenance and repair with respect to A-10  
23 aircraft or related infrastructure, and any re-  
24 sulting effect on the ability of the Department  
25 to meet the requirements under subsection (b).

1 (G) The status of logistics, supply, con-  
2 tractor maintenance, and other sustainment  
3 functions for the A-10 fleet, and any resulting  
4 effect on the ability of the Department to meet  
5 the requirements under subsection (b).

6 (H) An assessment as to whether the De-  
7 partment met the requirements under sub-  
8 section (b) during the preceding fiscal year.

9 (I) A description of any shortfall, delay, or  
10 other deviation resulting in a failure to meet  
11 any such requirement, including any corrective  
12 action planned or underway.

13 (d) ROADMAP FOR A-10 FLEET SUSTAINMENT.—

14 (1) ROADMAP REQUIRED.—Not later than 90  
15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
16 Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the con-  
17 gressional defense committees a roadmap setting  
18 forth—

19 (A) proposed actions to meet each require-  
20 ment under subsection (b); and

21 (B) a contingency plan for the sustainment  
22 of the A-10 fleet through fiscal year 2037, in-  
23 cluding an identification of decision points re-  
24 lating to such extended sustainment and an as-

1           assessment of related costs and reconstitution ef-  
2           fects.

3           (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than 15 days after  
4           the date of the submission of the roadmap under  
5           paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Air Force shall  
6           provide to the congressional defense committees a  
7           briefing on such roadmap and any anticipated mate-  
8           rial shortfall in meeting a requirement under sub-  
9           section (b).

10          (3) ANNUAL UPDATES.—Not later than one  
11          year after the date of the submission of the roadmap  
12          under paragraph (1), and annually thereafter until  
13          September 30, 2030, the Secretary of the Air Force  
14          shall submit to the congressional defense committees  
15          a written update to such roadmap.

16          (4) GAO REVIEW.—If the Secretary of the Air  
17          Force does not submit to the congressional defense  
18          committees the roadmap required under paragraph  
19          (1) by the deadline specified in such paragraph, the  
20          Comptroller General of the United States shall—

21                 (A) conduct a review of the compliance  
22                 with this section by the Department; and

23                 (B) not later than 120 days after such re-  
24                 view is complete, submit to the congressional

1 defense committees a report containing the re-  
2 sults of such review.

3 (e) PROGRAM TO PRESERVE KNOWLEDGE AND HIS-  
4 TORY RELATING TO A-10 AIRCRAFT.—

5 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the  
6 Air Force shall establish a program to preserve tech-  
7 nical and historical knowledge relating to the oper-  
8 ation and sustainment of the A-10 fleet.

9 (2) LEAD ENTITY.—The Director of the Air  
10 Force Historical Research Agency shall serve as the  
11 lead entity carrying out the program under para-  
12 graph (1), in coordination with the Commander of  
13 the Air Combat Command, the head of the National  
14 Museum of the United States Air Force, and such  
15 other organizations of the Department of the Air  
16 Force as the Secretary of the Air Force determines  
17 appropriate.

18 (3) REQUIRED ACTIVITIES.—The program es-  
19 tablished under paragraph (1) shall include, at a  
20 minimum the following activities:

21 (A) The collection of oral histories relating  
22 to the A-10 fleet from pilots, advanced instruc-  
23 tor-qualified aircrew, maintainers, joint ter-  
24 minal attack controllers, and other personnel  
25 involved in the operation (including operational

1 support for combat search and rescue missions)  
2 or sustainment of aircraft within such fleet.

3 (B) The collection and preservation of  
4 records associated with the A–10 fleet, includ-  
5 ing technical data, operational tactics, weapons  
6 integration records, upgrade and modification  
7 history, and records relating to the sustainment  
8 of aircraft within such fleet.

9 (C) The digital archiving of materials col-  
10 lected under subparagraphs (A) and (B) in a  
11 searchable repository accessible to appropriate  
12 users within the Department of Defense.

13 (D) The identification of lessons learned  
14 pursuant to the materials so collected.

15 (E) The development of recommendations  
16 for collecting, preserving, and transferring  
17 knowledge relating to the A–10 fleet with re-  
18 spect to design, doctrine, training, and  
19 sustainment activities relating to successor air-  
20 craft.

21 (4) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the  
22 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
23 the Air Force shall submit to the congressional de-  
24 fense committees a report containing a summary  
25 of—

1 (A) the activities carried out under the  
2 program established under paragraph (1);

3 (B) the status of the archive established  
4 pursuant to paragraph (3)(C); and

5 (C) the principal lessons learned identified  
6 pursuant to paragraph (3)(D).

7 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) The term “covered divestment activity”,  
9 with respect to the A–10 fleet, means any activity to  
10 transition, replace, retire, deactivate, or otherwise  
11 reduce such fleet or the capabilities thereof, includ-  
12 ing with respect to training, personnel, and re-  
13 sources for the sustainment and operation of such  
14 fleet, below the levels required under subsection (b).

15 (2) The term “covered training functions”  
16 means functions that comprise the primary source of  
17 providing to pilots and other aircrew the training  
18 and qualifications necessary for the operation of A–  
19 10 aircraft.

20 (3) The term “depot-level maintenance and re-  
21 pair” has the meaning given such term in section  
22 2460 of title 10, United States Code.

23 (4) The term “military construction project”  
24 and “military installation” have the meanings given

- 1 such terms in section 2801 of title 10, United States
- 2 Code.

