

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 18___. DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW AND PUBLICATION**
2 **OF MATERIALS RELATING TO AFGHANISTAN**
3 **WITHDRAWAL.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that the American people deserve to understand the
6 events and decision-making which resulted in the chaotic
7 withdrawal of United States personnel from Afghanistan
8 in 2021.

9 (b) AFTER-ACTION REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF
10 STATE.—

11 (1) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
12 five days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
13 the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee
14 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
15 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
16 ate a complete and unredacted copy of—

17 (A) the after-action review of the Depart-
18 ment of State developed with respect to the Af-

1 ghanistan withdrawal (in this section, referred
2 to as the “after-action review”); and

3 (B) each interview, file, or other material
4 used in compiling the after-action review.

5 (2) DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW; PUBLICA-
6 TION.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the
7 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall—

8 (A) complete a declassification review to
9 determine what, if any, additional information
10 contained within the after-action review may be
11 declassified in accordance with the standards
12 under subsection (d);

13 (B) declassify any information so deter-
14 mined; and

15 (C) publish on a publicly available Internet
16 website of the Department of State an updated
17 version of such after-action review containing,
18 in addition to information previously unclassi-
19 fied, any other information declassified as a re-
20 sult of such declassification review.

21 (c) DISSENT CHANNEL CABLE RELATING TO AF-
22 GHANISTAN WITHDRAWAL.—

23 (1) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—

24 (A) SUBMISSION.—Not later than five days
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 Secretary of State shall submit to the Com-
2 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Re-
4 lations of the Senate a complete (and, except as
5 provided in subparagraph (B), unredacted) copy
6 of—

7 (i) the dissent channel cable of the
8 Department of State written on or about
9 July 13, 2021, describing the likely con-
10 sequences of United States withdrawal
11 from Afghanistan; and

12 (ii) the official response of the De-
13 partment of State with respect to such dis-
14 sent channel cable.

15 (B) AUTHORIZED REDACTIONS.—The Sec-
16 retary may redact the name of any signatory to
17 the dissent channel cable specified in subpara-
18 graph (A).

19 (2) DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW; PUBLICA-
20 TION.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
23 Secretary of State shall—

24 (i) complete a declassification review
25 to determine what, if any, information con-

1 tained within the dissent channel cable
2 specified in paragraph (1)(A) may be de-
3 classified in accordance with the standards
4 under subsection (d);

5 (ii) declassify any information so de-
6 terminated; and

7 (iii) publish on a publicly available
8 Internet website of the Department of
9 State such dissent channel cable, in unclas-
10 sified form and containing, in addition to
11 any information previously unclassified,
12 any other information declassified as a re-
13 sult of such declassification review.

14 (B) REQUIRED REDACTIONS.—In pub-
15 lishing the dissent channel cable under subpara-
16 graph (A)(i), the Secretary shall redact the
17 name, and any other personally identifiable in-
18 formation, of each signatory to such dissent
19 channel cable.

20 (d) STANDARDS FOR DECLASSIFICATION.—In con-
21 ducting each declassification review under this section
22 with respect to given information, the Secretary of State
23 shall declassify such information unless the Secretary de-
24 termines the declassification would be incompatible with
25 the national security interests of the United States or oth-

- 1 erwise inconsistent with the protection of intelligence
- 2 sources and methods.

