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Page 402, after line 7, insert the following new section:

SEC. 12. SECURITY SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN WOMEN AND GIRLS.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON PROMOTION OF SECURITY OF AFGHAN WOMEN.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the United States Government should regularly press the Government of Afghanistan to commit to the meaningful inclusion of women in any peace process and to ensure that women’s concerns are fully reflected in relevant negotiations; and

(2) the United States Government and the Government of Afghanistan should reaffirm the role of Afghan civil society, particularly women’s organizations, in advocating for and supporting human rights, good governance, and the sustainable social, economic, and democratic development of Afghanistan.
(b) Strategy to Promote Security of Afghan Women.—

(1) In General.—The Secretary of Defense shall support the efforts of the Government of Afghanistan to ensure the security of Afghan women and girls during and after the security transition process through implementation of an Afghan-led strategy to increase awareness and responsiveness among Afghanistan National Army (ANA) and Afghanistan National Police (ANP) personnel regarding the unique challenges women confront when serving in those forces.

(2) Training.—The Secretary of Defense, working with the International Security Force and NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan, should encourage the Government of Afghanistan to include in the strategy developed under paragraph (1) the following elements:

(A) An evaluation of the effectiveness of existing training for Afghanistan National Security Forces on this issue.

(B) A plan to increase the number of female security officers, including those serving in Family Response Units, specifically trained to address cases of gender-based violence.
(C) A plan to address the development of accountability mechanisms for ANA and ANP personnel who violate codes of conduct related to the human rights of women and girls.