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At the end of subtitle D of title X of division A of the bill, add the following:

SEC. _____. PROHIBITION ON THE CONSOLIDATION OF UNITED STATES COAST GUARD STATION SCITUATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security may not take any action to consolidate, close, cease operations of, or reduce personnel at and use of United States Coast Guard Station Scituate located in Scituate, Massachusetts until—

(1) the Secretary of Homeland Security convenes public meetings in all communities within the area of responsibility of United States Coast Guard Station Scituate with regard to the proposed consolidation or closure and provides reasonable notice to each congressional office representing any portion of the area of responsibility of the schedule and location of such public meetings;
(2) the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security conducts, and submits to the appropriate congressional committees, a comprehensive audit to examine the impact of the consolidation or closure proposal on the ability of the United States Coast Guard to meet its Search and Rescue Mission Response benchmark of two-hour total response time for communities within the area of responsibility of United States Coast Guard Station Scituate, whether the consolidation or closure proposal will increase average response time to communities within the area of responsibility of United States Coast Guard Station Scituate, and whether the consolidation or closure proposal will present a safety risk to residents within the area of responsibility of United States Coast Guard Station Scituate; and

(3) the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Commandant of the Coast Guard both certify to the appropriate Congressional committees that the consolidation or closure proposal will not decrease the average response time to communities within the area of responsibility of United States Coast Guard Station Scituate or present a safety risk to residents within the area of responsibility of United States Coast Guard Station Scituate.
(b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

Defined.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;

(2) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives;

(3) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;

(4) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;

(5) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

(6) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.