

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 114-51
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At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12xx. SENSE OF CONGRESS CONDEMNING CON-**
2 **TINUING ATTACKS ON MEDICAL FACILITIES**
3 **IN SYRIA.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Attacks intentionally targeting civilians,
6 medical personnel, or medical facilities constitute
7 grave violations of international humanitarian law.

8 (2) In Syria, schools, markets, and hospitals
9 are routinely destroyed in attacks and medical pro-
10 viders routinely targeted for attacks.

11 (3) Physicians for Human Rights has docu-
12 mented at least 350 airstrikes against medical facili-
13 ties and the deaths of over 700 medical personnel in
14 Syria since 2011.

15 (4) So far in May 2016, there have been at
16 least six attacks on medical facilities in the city of
17 Aleppo alone in less than a week killing dozens, in-
18 cluding the last pediatrician still working in Aleppo.

1 (5) These attacks seriously hinder access to
2 medical care and are compounded by ongoing efforts
3 by the Syrian regime to block or limit humanitarian
4 aid to Syrians.

5 (6) Secretary of State John Kerry has con-
6 demned these attacks arguing, “there is no justifica-
7 tion for this horrific violence that targets civilians or
8 medical facilities or first responders no matter who
9 it is, whether it’s a member of the opposition retali-
10 ating or the regime in its brutality against the civil-
11 ians which has continued for five years.”.

12 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
13 gress that—

14 (1) the Department of Defense and all other
15 appropriate United States Government agencies
16 should continue to strongly condemn and call for an
17 immediate end to attacks on medical facilities and
18 medical providers in Syria and work to ensure that
19 doctors can do their job and provide care to the
20 those in need;

21 (2) humanitarian crises in Syria and Iraq, exac-
22 erbated by targeted attacks on medical facilities,
23 personnel, and schools, threaten the achievement of
24 United States goals in the region, such as destroying
25 and dismantling the Islamic State in Iraq and the

1 Levant (ISIL) and peace and stability in the region,
2 including Syria;

3 (3) the United States and international commu-
4 nity should do more to support medical professionals
5 and medical nonprofit organizations working in
6 Syria, at great risk to their personal well-being, to
7 treat the ill and infirm and ensure some level of
8 medical care for Syrians; and

9 (4) the Department of Defense is strongly en-
10 couraged to support, where appropriate, other ap-
11 propriate United States Government agencies and
12 entities engaged in meeting urgent and increasing
13 humanitarian and medical needs in Syria, especially
14 in areas where medical facilities and providers have
15 been targeted by the Syrian regime, ISIL, or Al-
16 Qaeda.

