

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. NEGUSE OF COLORADO

At the end of subtitle F of title VI, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 6___ . PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A MONTHLY STI-**
2 **PEND TO CERTAIN RECENTLY SEPARATED**
3 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after
5 the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary
6 of Defense (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”),
7 in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
8 shall carry out a pilot program to provide a stipend to
9 a covered individual.

10 (b) AMOUNT.—A stipend paid under this section to
11 a covered individual shall be in an amount that the Sec-
12 retary determines will pay for one month of food and hous-
13 ing for the covered individual in the location where such
14 covered individual resides.

15 (c) PAYMENTS.—A covered individual shall receive a
16 stipend under this section once a month for the first four
17 months following the separation of the covered individual
18 from the Armed Forces.

1 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
2 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall sub-
3 mit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
4 and House of Representatives a report regarding the pilot
5 program. Such report shall include the following:

6 (1) The number of covered individuals paid a
7 stipend under this section.

8 (2) The average amount of such a stipend.

9 (3) The effectiveness of the program in miti-
10 gating financial hardships of covered individuals.

11 (4) A plan to make the pilot program perma-
12 nent.

13 (5) The recommendation of the Secretary
14 whether to make the pilot program permanent.

15 (e) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-
16 nate after operating for four months.

17 (f) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this sec-
18 tion, the term “covered individual” means an individual—

19 (1) who separates from the Armed Forces
20 under honorable conditions after at least four years
21 of service on active duty; and

22 (2) whom the Secretary determines will experi-
23 ence financial hardship during the first 120 days fol-
24 lowing such separation.

