AMENDMENT TO
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Add at the end of subtitle G of title VIII the following:

SEC. 8. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING EXPLOSION WELDING.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The joining of certain dissimilar metals, particularly steel with alloy metals such as stainless steel, brass, nickel, silver, titanium, and zirconium, requires explosion welding.

(2) Explosion welding employs hundreds of highly skilled workers within the United States.

(3) Explosion welded alloys can be found in every major United States naval platform, particularly in Columbia-class submarines, Ford-class aircraft carriers, and Arleigh Burke-class destroyers.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—
(1) explosion welding is a critical capability for ensuring the national security of the United States and its allies;

(2) a limited number of domestic companies produce explosion welded alloys that satisfy Department of Defense requirements;

(3) if domestic sources fail, demand would be fulfilled by China, creating an immediate supply chain vulnerability; and

(4) the Department of Defense should take such steps as are necessary to ensure that the United States has a reliable and domestic source for explosion welding to support United States military needs.