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At the appropriate place in subtitle D of title XII, insert the following:

SEC. ___. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON BURDEN SHARING WITHIN NATO.

Congress—

(1) recognizes that the 2014 Wales Summit Defense Spending Benchmark ensures the NATO Alliance can maintain the best common defense to safeguard its members in the event a mutual military response is warranted;

(2) asserts that for far too long the majority of NATO member countries have relied on the financial contributions and military capabilities of the United States and have failed to fully invest in their own defense;

(3) praises Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and the United Kingdom for meeting the minimum 2 percent GDP defense spending obligations in 2022;
(4) denounces Croatia, France, Slovakia, Romania, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Albania, Bulgaria, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Denmark, Portugal, Turkey, Montenegro, Czech Republic, Canada, Slovenia, Belgium, Spain, and Luxembourg’s failure to meet the minimum 2 percent GDP defense spending obligation in 2022 and strongly urges these nations to fulfill the commitment they pledged to meet;

(5) maintains that European countries in NATO should be chiefly responsible for safeguarding the European continent and should not delay in meeting the 2 percent defense spending obligations;

(6) expresses that the United States should not continue subsidizing NATO member countries who choose not to invest in their own defense by meeting the 2014 Wales Summit Defense Spending Benchmark; and

(7) calls on NATO leaders to make the 2 percent defense spending pledge binding for all NATO member countries at the Vilnius Summit