AMENDMENT TO THE

SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1

OFFERED BY MRS. CHRISSY HOULAHAN

At the end of title IX, add the following new section:

SEC. 90104. Protection of Department of Veterans Affairs Facilities and Services.

- 1 (a) None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to plan for,
- 2 propose, develop, initiates, carry out, or otherwise support any action that
- 3 would result in the closure, realignment, downsizing, privatization, or
- 4 reduction of services, staffing, or benefits at any facility operated the
- 5 Department of Veterans Affairs. This includes, but is not limited to, the
- 6 Coatesville VA Medical Center in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, the
- 7 Southeastern Veterans Center in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and the Berks
- 8 County VA Clinic in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania.
- 9 (b) For the purposes of this section, the term "reduction in services"
- 10 means includes the elimination or transfer of inpatient or outpatient services,
- 11 the discontinuation of specialized care programs, or any action that would
- 12 limit veterans' access to care, benefits, or support services at current VA
- 13 facilities.
- 14 (c) This prohibition shall remain in effect unless authorized by a
- 15 subsequent Act of Congress