AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle E of title V, insert the following:

SEC. 5. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT.

(a) Establishment.—Chapter 80 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1561a the following new section:

“§ 1561b. Confidential reporting of sexual harassment

“(a) Establishment.—Notwithstanding section 1561 of this title, the Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations establishing a process by which a member of an armed force under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of a military department may confidentially allege a complaint of sexual harassment to an individual outside the immediate chain of command of that member.

“(b) Investigation.—An individual designated to receive complaints under subsection (a)—

“(1) shall maintain the confidentiality of the member alleging the complaint;
“(2) shall provide to the member alleging the complaint the option—

“(A) to file a formal or informal report of sexual harassment; and

“(B) to include reports related to such complaint in the Catch a Serial Offender Program; and

“(3) shall provide to the commander of the complainant a report—

“(A) regarding the complaint; and

“(B) that does not contain any personally identifiable information regarding the complainant.

“(c) EDUCATION; TRACKING; REPORTING.—The Secretary of Defense shall—

“(1) educate members under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of a military department regarding the process established under this section; and

“(2) track complaints alleged pursuant to the process established under this section; and

“(3) submit annually to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report containing data (that does not contain any personally identifiable information) relating to such complaints.”.
(b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1561b the following new item:

“1561b. Confidential reporting of sexual harassment.”.

(c) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—The Secretary shall carry out section 1561b of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.