

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7006
OFFERED BY MS. ESCOBAR OF TEXAS

At the end of division B (before the short title), add the following:

1 SEC. ___. (a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds made
2 available by this Act may be used to initiate, carry out,
3 implement, or otherwise notice a reduction in force to re-
4 duce the number of employees within the Department of
5 State.

6 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The prohibition under sub-
7 section (a) shall apply to all civilian positions, whether per-
8 manent, temporary, full-time, part-time, or intermittent,
9 and without regard to the source of funding for such posi-
10 tions.

11 (c) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under subsection
12 (a) shall not apply to—
13 (1) voluntary separations or retirements;
14 (2) actions necessary to comply with a court
15 order; or
16 (3) beginning on the first day of a lapse in ap-
17 propriations due to a failure to enact a regular ap-
18 propriations bill or continuing resolution, actions

1 that are necessary to implement or maintain an or-
2 derly shutdown of government operations.

3 (d) REDUCTION IN FORCE DEFINED.—In this sec-
4 tion, the term “reduction in force” means actions taken
5 by an agency pursuant to sections 3501 through 3504 of
6 title 5, United States Code or section 3595 of such title,
7 or any similar reduction of positions at any department,
8 agency, or office of the Federal Government, unless such
9 reduction has been provided for in this Act.

