

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4350**  
**OFFERED BY MR. GREEN**

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10\_\_ . LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO REDUCE**  
2 **NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
3 **FORCES DEPLOYED TO IRAQ AND SYRIA.**

4 (a) **LIMITATION.—**

5 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**None of the funds author-  
6 ized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise  
7 made available for fiscal year 2021 or 2022 for the  
8 Department of Defense may be obligated or ex-  
9 pended to carry out an activity described in para-  
10 graph (2) until the Date on which the Secretary sub-  
11 mits the report required by subsection (b).

12 (2) **ACTIVITY DESCRIBED.—**An activity de-  
13 scribed in this paragraph is any activity that results  
14 in either of the following:

15 (A) A reduction of the total number of  
16 members of the Armed Forces deployed to Iraq  
17 by a number that is less than ten percent of the  
18 total number of members of the Armed Forces

1 so deployed as of the date of the enactment of  
2 this Act.

3 (B) A reduction of the total number of  
4 members of the Armed Forces deployed to  
5 Syria by a number that is less than ten percent  
6 of the total number of members of the Armed  
7 Forces so deployed as of the date of the enact-  
8 ment of this Act.

9 (b) REPORT.—The Secretary of Defense, in consulta-  
10 tion with the Secretary of State and the Director of Na-  
11 tional Intelligence, shall submit to the appropriate con-  
12 gressional committees a report that includes each of the  
13 following:

14 (1) An assessment of the effect that the reduc-  
15 tion of the number of members of the Armed Forces  
16 to Iraq or Syria would have on—

17 (A) the ongoing United States counterter-  
18 rorism mission against the Islamic State, al-  
19 Qaeda, and associated forces;

20 (B) the risk to United States personnel in  
21 Iraq or Syria;

22 (C) the risk for the expansion of existing,  
23 or formation of new, terrorist safe havens inside  
24 Iraq or Syria;

1 (D) the role of United States allies and  
2 partners supporting the United States-led and  
3 North Atlantic Treaty Organization-led mis-  
4 sions, including international financial support  
5 the Iraqi Security Forces, the Peshmerga  
6 Armed Forces, or the Syrian Democratic Forces  
7 require in order to maintain operational capa-  
8 bilities and combat effectiveness;

9 (E) United States national security and  
10 United States policy toward achieving an endur-  
11 ing diplomatic solution in Iraq or Syria;

12 (F) the threat posed by the Islamic State  
13 and affiliates, as well as other terrorist organi-  
14 zations present in Iraq or Syria, to United  
15 States national security interests and to those  
16 of the United States allies and partners; and

17 (G) the capacity of Iraqi Security Forces,  
18 the Peshmerga Armed Forces, or the Syrian  
19 Democratic Forces to effectively—

20 (i) prevent or defend against attacks  
21 by terrorist organizations on civilian popu-  
22 lations:

23 (ii) conduct counterterrorism oper-  
24 ations necessary to deny safe harbor to ter-  
25 rorist organizations that the intelligence

1 community assesses pose a threat to the  
2 Unites States and the United States inter-  
3 ests; and

4 (iii) sustain equipment, personnel, and  
5 capabilities.

6 (2) A plan for the orderly transition of all secu-  
7 rity-related tasks that are being undertaken, as of  
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, by members  
9 of the Armed Forces of the United States and other  
10 countries contributing troops in support of the Iraqi  
11 Security Forces, the Peshmerga Armed Forces, or  
12 the Syrian Democratic Forces.

13 (3) An update on the status of any United  
14 States citizens detained in Iraq or Syria and an  
15 overview of efforts to secure their release.

16 (4) Any other matter the Secretary of Defense  
17 determines appropriate.

18 (c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required under  
19 subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form  
20 without any designation relating to dissemination control,  
21 but may contain a classified annex.

22 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES  
23 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-  
24 gressional committees” means—

1           (1) the Committee on Armed Services of the  
2       House of Representatives and the Committee on  
3       Armed Services of the Senate;

4           (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
5       House of Representatives and the Committee on  
6       Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

7           (2) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-  
8       ligence of the House of Representatives and the Se-  
9       lect Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

