AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4350
OFFERED BY M.R. GREEN

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

SEC. 10. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO REDUCE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES DEPLOYED TO IRAQ AND SYRIA.

(a) LIMITATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2021 or 2022 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to carry out an activity described in paragraph (2) until the Date on which the Secretary submits the report required by subsection (b).

(2) ACTIVITY DESCRIBED.—An activity described in this paragraph is any activity that results in either of the following:

(A) A reduction of the total number of members of the Armed Forces deployed to Iraq by a number that is less than ten percent of the total number of members of the Armed Forces
so deployed as of the date of the enactment of
this Act.

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

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

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

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

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

(C) the risk for the expansion of existing,
or formation of new, terrorist safe havens inside
Iraq or Syria;
(D) the role of United States allies and partners supporting the United States-led and North Atlantic Treaty Organization-led missions, including international financial support the Iraqi Security Forces, the Peshmerga Armed Forces, or the Syrian Democratic Forces require in order to maintain operational capabilities and combat effectiveness;

(E) United States national security and United States policy toward achieving an enduring diplomatic solution in Iraq or Syria;

(F) the threat posed by the Islamic State and affiliates, as well as other terrorist organizations present in Iraq or Syria, to United States national security interests and to those of the United States allies and partners; and

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

(i) prevent or defend against attacks by terrorist organizations on civilian populations:

(ii) conduct counterterrorism operations necessary to deny safe harbor to terrorist organizations that the intelligence
community assesses pose a threat to the United States and the United States interests; and

(iii) sustain equipment, personnel, and capabilities.

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

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

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

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

(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—
(1) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;
(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and
(2) the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.