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Add at the end of subtitle E of title VIII the following:

SEC. 8. DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ORGANIC INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) interagency working groups have been successful in ensuring the availability of therapeutics and protective equipment in response to national health emergencies;

(2) it is important to establish domestic production capability, eliminating the dependence of the United States on foreign sources and augmenting the commercial sector for materials in the Strategic National Stockpile and the medical supply chain; and

(3) the organic industrial base for domestic production of protective equipment should be supported.

(b) DOMESTIC PRODUCTION PLAN.—The Secretary of Defense shall develop a plan to enable the Army organic
industrial base to be a reliable and responsive source of personal protective equipment for the Strategic National Stockpile.

(c) Army Organic Industrial Base Defined.—The term “Army organic industrial base” means the military facilities of the Army that advance a vital national security interest by producing necessary materials, munitions, and hardware, including arsenals, depots, and ammunition plants.