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

SEC. 10. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR BASING OF KC-46A AIRCRAFT OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES.

(a) Report.—

(1) In general.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to Congress a report on the projected plan and timeline for strategic basing of the KC–46A aircraft outside the continental United States.

(2) Elements.—In considering basing options in the report required by paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Air Force shall consider locations that—

(A) support day-to-day air refueling operations, operations plans of the combatant commands, and flexibility for contingency operations, and have—
(i) a strategic location that is essential to the defense of the United States and its interests;

(ii) receivers for boom or probe-and-drogue combat training opportunities with joint and international partners; and

(iii) sufficient airfield and airspace availability and capacity to meet requirements; and

(B) possess facilities that—

(i) take full advantage of existing infrastructure to provide—

(I) runways, hangars, and aircrew and maintenance operations; and

(II) sufficient fuel receipt, storage, and distribution for a five-day peacetime operating stock; and

(ii) minimize overall construction and operational costs.

(b) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2020 for the Air Force for Operations and Maintenance for the Management Headquarters
Program (Program Element 92398F), not more than 85 percent may be obligated or expended until the Secretary of the Air Force submits the report required by subsection (a).

(2) WAIER.—The Secretary of the Air Force may waive the limitation under paragraph (1) with respect to the obligation or expenditure of funds, if the Secretary submits to the congressional defense committees that such obligation or expenditure is mission essential.