

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4435

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At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XII,
insert the following:

1 **SEC. __. ACTIONS TO SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICIPA-**
2 **TION, PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE, EXISTING**
3 **FRAMEWORKS, AND SECURITY AND MOBILITY**
4 **WITH RESPECT TO WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AF-**
5 **GHANISTAN.**

6 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
7 gress that promoting women’s meaningful inclusion and
8 participation in conflict prevention, management, and res-
9 olution, as well as in post-conflict relief and recovery, ad-
10 vances core United States national interests of peace, na-
11 tional security, economic and social development, and
12 international cooperation.

13 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
14 United States—

15 (1) to promote and support the security of
16 women and girls in conflict-affected and post-conflict
17 regions and ensure their protection from sexual and
18 gender-based violence;

1 (2) to promote and support the security of
2 women and girls in Afghanistan during the security
3 transition process and recognize that promoting se-
4 curity for Afghan women and girls must remain a
5 priority of United States foreign policy; and

6 (3) to maintain and improve the gains of
7 women and girls in Afghanistan made since 2002,
8 including in terms of their political participation and
9 integration in security forces.

10 (c) ACTIONS REQUIRED.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
12 coordination with the Secretary of State and the Ad-
13 ministrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
14 national Development, shall take such actions as
15 may be necessary to ensure the indicators of success
16 of the security transition process and establishment
17 of an independent Afghanistan as described in para-
18 graph (2) are achieved.

19 (2) INDICATORS OF SUCCESS.—The indicators
20 of success referred to in paragraph (1) are the fol-
21 lowing:

22 (A) Support for human rights of women
23 and girls in Afghanistan.

1 (B) Participation of women in Afghanistan
2 at all levels of decision-making and governance
3 in Afghanistan.

4 (C) Strategic integration of women in the
5 Afghan National Security Forces.

6 (D) Support for initiatives to prevent sex-
7 ual and gender-based violence, including imple-
8 mentation of Afghanistan's Elimination of Vio-
9 lence Against Women law and support for the
10 Ministry of Interior's Family Response Units in
11 the Afghan National Police.

12 (E) Support for existing frameworks, in-
13 cluding the National Action Plan for the
14 Women of Afghanistan, the Afghanistan Na-
15 tional Development Strategy, and the Tokyo
16 Mutual Accountability Framework.

17 (F) Recognition of the ability of women in
18 Afghanistan to move freely and securely
19 throughout Afghanistan.

20 (d) REPORT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
22 graph (2), not later than 180 days after the date of
23 the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
24 the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State,
25 and the Administrator of the United States Agency

1 for International Development shall jointly submit to
2 the appropriate congressional committees a report
3 on efforts by the United States Government to sup-
4 port the human rights, participation, prevention of
5 violence, existing frameworks, and security and mo-
6 bility with respect to women and girls in Afghani-
7 stan.

8 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
9 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
10 propriate congressional committees” means—

11 (A) the congressional defense committees;

12 and

13 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
14 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Af-
15 fairs of the House of Representatives.

