

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4909
OFFERED BY MR. HOLDING OF NORTH CAROLINA

At the appropriate place in title XII of division A of
the bill, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12xx. ENHANCING DEFENSE AND SECURITY COOPERA-**
2 **TION WITH INDIA.**

3 (a) REQUIRED ACTIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
5 and Secretary of State shall jointly take such actions
6 as may be necessary to—

7 (A) recognize India’s status as a major de-
8 fense partner of the United States;

9 (B) designate an individual within the Ex-
10 ecutive branch who has experience in defense
11 acquisition and technology—

12 (i) to reinforce and ensure, through
13 interagency policy coordination, the success
14 of the Framework for the United States-
15 India Defense Relationship; and

16 (ii) to help resolve remaining issues
17 impeding United States-India defense
18 trade, security cooperation, and co-produce-
19 tion and co-development opportunities;

1 (C) approve and facilitate the transfer of
2 advanced technology, consistent with United
3 States conventional arms transfer policy, to
4 support combined military planning with the In-
5 dian military for missions such as humanitarian
6 assistance and disaster relief, counter piracy,
7 and maritime domain awareness missions;

8 (D) strengthen the effectiveness of the
9 DTTI and the durability of the Department of
10 Defense's "India Rapid Reaction Cell";

11 (E) collaborate with the Government of
12 India to develop mutually agreeable mechanisms
13 to verify the security of defense articles and re-
14 lated technology, such as appropriate cyber se-
15 curity and end use monitoring arrangements,
16 consistent with United States export control
17 laws and policy;

18 (F) promote policies that will encourage
19 the efficient review and authorization of defense
20 sales and exports to India;

21 (G) encourage greater government-to-gov-
22 ernment and commercial military transactions
23 between the United States and India;

24 (H) support the development and align-
25 ment of India's export control and procurement

1 regimes with those of the United States and
2 multilateral control regimes; and

3 (I) continue to enhance defense and secu-
4 rity cooperation with India in order to advance
5 United States interests in the South Asia and
6 greater Indo-Pacific regions.

7 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
9 thereafter, the Secretary of Defense and Secretary
10 of State shall jointly submit to the congressional de-
11 fense committees and the Committee on Foreign Re-
12 lations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign
13 Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on
14 how the United States is supporting its defense rela-
15 tionship with India in relation to the actions de-
16 scribed in paragraph (1).

17 (b) MILITARY PLANNING.—The Secretary of Defense
18 is encouraged to coordinate with the Ministry of Defense
19 for the Government of India to develop combined military
20 plans for missions such as humanitarian assistance and
21 disaster relief, maritime domain awareness, and other mis-
22 sions in the national security interests of both countries.

23 (c) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
25 and Secretary of State shall jointly, on an annual

1 basis, conduct an assessment of the extent to which
2 India possesses strategic operational capabilities to
3 support military operations of mutual interest be-
4 tween the United States and India.

5 (2) USE OF ASSESSMENT.—The President shall
6 ensure that the assessment described in paragraph
7 (1) is used, consistent with United States conven-
8 tional arms transfer policy, to inform the review by
9 the United States of sales of defense articles and
10 services to the Government of India.

11 (3) FORM.—The assessment described in para-
12 graph (1) shall, to the maximum extent practicable,
13 be in classified form.

