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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To reduce the bloated Pentagon budget by 10 percent and invest that money in jobs, education, health care, and housing in communities in the United States in which the poverty rate is not less than 25 percent.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 4049

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military personnel of the Department of Defense for other purposes.

**AMENDMENT N<sup>o</sup> 1788**

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VIZ:

- 1 At the end of subtitle A of title X, add the following:
- 2 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REDUCTION IN AMOUNT AUTHORIZED TO BE**
- 3 **APPROPRIATED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 BY**
- 4 **THIS ACT; ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PRO-**
- 5 **GRAM TO REDUCE POVERTY AND INVEST IN**
- 6 **DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES.**
- 7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The amount authorized to be ap-
- 8 propriated for fiscal year 2021 by this Act is—

1           (1) the aggregate amount authorized to be ap-  
2           propriated for fiscal year 2021 by this Act (other  
3           than for military personnel and the Defense Health  
4           Program); minus

5           (2) the amount equal to 14 percent of the ag-  
6           gregate amount described in paragraph (1).

7           (b) ALLOCATION.—The reduction made by subsection  
8 (a) shall—

9           (1) apply on a pro rata basis among the ac-  
10          counts and funds for which amounts are authorized  
11          to be appropriated by this Act (other than military  
12          personnel and the Defense Health Program);

13          (2) be applied on a pro rata basis across each  
14          program, project, and activity funded by the account  
15          or fund concerned; and

16          (3) be used by the Secretary of the Treasury to  
17          carry out the grant program described in subsection  
18          (c).

19          (c) GRANT PROGRAM.—

20          (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in  
21          the Department of the Treasury a grant program  
22          through which the Secretary of the Treasury shall,  
23          in coordination with the Secretary of Education, the  
24          Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Sec-  
25          retary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Housing and

1 Urban Development, the Secretary of the Interior,  
2 and the Administrator of the Environmental Protec-  
3 tion Agency, provide grants to eligible entities in ac-  
4 cordance with the requirements of this subsection.

5 (2) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity that de-  
6 sires a grant under this subsection shall submit to  
7 the Secretary of the Treasury an application in such  
8 form and containing such information as the Sec-  
9 retary may require.

10 (3) PURPOSES.—

11 (A) PERMISSIBLE PURPOSES.—An eligible  
12 entity that receives a grant under this sub-  
13 section may use the grant funds for any of the  
14 following:

15 (i) To construct, renovate, retrofit, or  
16 perform maintenance with respect to an af-  
17 fordable housing unit, a public school, a  
18 childcare facility, a community health cen-  
19 ter, a public hospital, a library, or a clean  
20 drinking water facility if any such building  
21 or facility is located within the jurisdiction  
22 of the eligible entity.

23 (ii) To remove contaminants, includ-  
24 ing lead, from infrastructure with respect  
25 to the provision of drinking water if that

1 infrastructure is located within the juris-  
2 diction of the eligible entity.

3 (iii) To replace, remove, or renovate a  
4 vacant or blighted property that is located  
5 within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity.

6 (iv) To hire public school teachers to  
7 reduce class size at public schools within  
8 the jurisdiction of the eligible entity.

9 (v) To increase the pay of teachers at  
10 public schools within the jurisdiction of the  
11 eligible entity.

12 (vi) To provide nutritious meals to  
13 children and parents who live within the  
14 jurisdiction of the eligible entity.

15 (vii) To provide free tuition to resi-  
16 dents within the jurisdiction of the eligible  
17 entity to attend public institutions of high-  
18 er education, including vocational and  
19 trade schools.

20 (viii) To provide rental assistance to  
21 residents within the jurisdiction of the eli-  
22 gible entity.

23 (ix) To reduce or eliminate homeless-  
24 ness within the jurisdiction of the eligible  
25 entity.

1 (B) IMPERMISSIBLE PURPOSES.—An eligi-  
2 ble entity that receives a grant under this sub-  
3 section may not use the grant funds—

4 (i) to construct a law enforcement fa-  
5 cility, including a prison or a jail; or

6 (ii) to purchase a vehicle for a law en-  
7 forcement agency.

8 (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

9 (A) the term “eligible entity” means—

10 (i) a county government with respect  
11 to a high-poverty county;

12 (ii) a local or municipal government  
13 within the jurisdiction of which there are  
14 not fewer than 5 high-poverty neighbor-  
15 hoods; and

16 (iii) a federally recognized Indian  
17 Tribe that exercises jurisdiction over In-  
18 dian lands (as defined in section 824(b) of  
19 the Indian Health Care Improvement Act  
20 (25 U.S.C. 1680n(b))) that contain high-  
21 poverty neighborhoods;

22 (B) the term “high-poverty county” means  
23 a county with a poverty rate of not less than 25  
24 percent, according to the Small Area Income

1 and Poverty Estimates of the Bureau of the  
2 Census for 2018;

3 (C) the term “high-poverty neighborhood”  
4 means a census tract with a poverty rate of not  
5 less than 25 percent, according to the 5-year  
6 estimate of the American Community Survey of  
7 the Bureau of the Census for years 2014  
8 through 2018; and

9 (D) the term “public school” means a pub-  
10 lic elementary school or secondary school, as  
11 those terms are defined in section 8101 of the  
12 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
13 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).