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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Roger Wicker
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U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
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The Honorable Mike Rogers
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The Honorable Adam Smith
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Dear Chairman Wicker, Ranking Member Reed, Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Smith,

As the House and Senate negotiate the final Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), I write to respectfully urge the inclusion of my amendments, which were unanimously approved and included in the House-passed bill.

My eight amendments collectively aim to safeguard the well-being of our servicemembers and their families, improve military readiness and preserve America's unmatched strength and leadership on the global stage.

One of my amendments establishes a pilot program providing Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) technology to servicemembers. Mirroring my *FORCE-FIT Act*, this initiative will help improve health outcomes and reduce long-term health care costs by giving our troops better tools to manage and monitor their physical well-being. Alarming, according to the American Security Project, the obesity rate among active-duty service members has more than doubled over the past decade from roughly 10.4 percent in 2012 to 21.6 percent in 2022.

Secondly, an additional amendment requires the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Commerce to report on U.S. technologies acquired by companies tied to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). This critical study will identify how these purchases occur and recommend ways to better safeguard American innovation and national security. Notably, the Congressional Research Service found that approximately 30 percent of private-firm deals and 46 percent of state-owned enterprise investments involving Chinese entities were motivated by the acquisition of advanced or dual-use technologies.

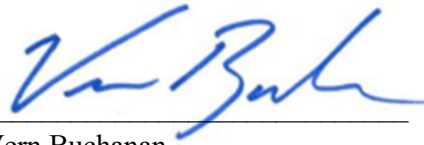
Furthermore, recognizing the evolving threat landscape, another amendment requires the DoD to report on the threat posed by fiber optic-controlled drones to U.S. troops and installations. This study will examine how foreign adversaries may use these drones for surveillance, targeting or other hostile activities.

Please see below for a full list of my House-passed amendments, which all received broad bipartisan support and directly address key challenges facing our military and their families:

- Establishes a pilot program providing Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) technology to servicemembers.
- Requires the Department of Defense and the Department of Commerce to report on U.S. technologies acquired by companies tied to the Chinese Communist Party.
- Ends the use of animals in live-fire trauma training, replacing them with advanced simulators, mannequins, cadavers, or actors.
- Requires the Department of Defense and Department of Commerce to create a strategy to increase exports of U.S.-made defense components and materials.
- Bans the use of foreign social media apps on government-issued devices at military bases.
- Requires a Department of Defense report on the threat of fiber optic-controlled drones to U.S. troops and bases.
- Directs the Government Accountability Office to review U.S. supply chains for critical defense minerals, including rare earth elements, lithium, cobalt and nickel.
- Requires all military bases to install prescription drug drop boxes to ensure safe disposal of unused medications.

I thank you for your continued commitment to the brave men and women who serve our nation in uniform and for your steadfast leadership in advancing policies that strengthen our national defense and support our military families.

Sincerely,



Vern Buchanan
Member of Congress