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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 2027 (FY27) 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 (H.R. 8800).

All 10 of my amendments seek to protect the health, safety and readiness of our servicemembers, counter emerging threats from foreign adversaries and strengthen America's defense supply chains.

Specifically, three of my amendments focus on reducing preventable training accidents. One requires the Department of the Navy and the Marine Corps to strengthen tactical vehicle risk management by clearly defining the responsibilities of vehicle commanders and standardizing procedures for first-line supervisors. Another requires the Army to assess whether its operational units have the personnel and resources to carry out ground-safety programs. A third requires the Secretary of War to report on each military department's progress in reducing training-related accidents, fatalities and serious injuries.

Another amendment establishes a pilot program providing Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) technology to servicemembers. Mirroring my FORCE-FIT Act, this program will improve servicemember health and reduce long-term health care costs.

Obesity rates in the military have increased from approximately 10 percent in 2012 to more than 21 percent in 2022, weakening military readiness and costing the Department nearly \$1.5 billion annually.

My amendments on the Go for Green nutrition program, installation-wide food programs and department-wide nutrition and fitness best practices build on this work to keep our forces healthy and ready to fight.

Yet another amendment requires the Secretary of War to report to Congress on the threat of artificial intelligence (AI)-powered attacks, scams and fraud targeting U.S. military installations, operations and personnel, including the use of AI by foreign adversaries for surveillance and targeting.

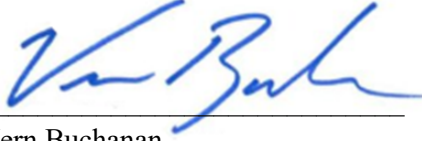
Lastly, one of my amendments directs the Department of War to inventory legacy semiconductor dependencies in major weapon programs and submit a plan to eliminate reliance on foreign single-source suppliers. America cannot afford to have its most critical weapon systems depend on a single foreign supplier.

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.

1. Requires the Department of the Navy and the Marine Corps to strengthen tactical vehicle risk management by establishing clearly defined responsibilities for vehicle commanders and standardized procedures that enable first-line supervisors to identify, assess and mitigate operational risks during training and mission execution.
2. Establishes a pilot program providing Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) technology to servicemembers to improve health and reduce long-term health care costs.
3. Requires the Secretary of War to report on the implementation of the Go for Green (G4G) nutrition program at military dining facilities.
4. Requires the Secretary of War to report to Congress on the threat of AI-powered attacks, scams and fraud against U.S. military installations, operations and personnel, including foreign adversaries' use of AI for surveillance and targeting.
5. Requires the Department of the Army to report on whether operational units have sufficient personnel, resources and organizational capacity to implement ground-safety programs related to tactical vehicle operations.
6. Directs the Department of War to inventory legacy semiconductor dependencies in major weapon programs and submit a plan to eliminate reliance on foreign single-source suppliers.
7. Requires the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Navy to complete an assessment of their installation-wide food programs, as recommended by GAO-24-106155, within 180 days of enactment.
8. Requires the Secretary of War to report to the House Armed Services Committee on each military department's progress in reducing training-related accidents, fatalities and serious injuries, including year-over-year trend data, the effectiveness of actions taken in response to prior congressional concerns and planned efforts to further improve training safety.
9. Requires the Department of War to identify best practices for nutrition, fitness and chronic disease prevention programs across the services and share successful models department-wide.
10. Requires the Secretary of War to report to Congress on how military personnel use wearable devices for health, fitness, readiness, training, recovery and operational purposes, including during deployments and combat.

I thank you for your commitment and dedication to our young men and women who selflessly serve our country in uniform and put it all on the line so that we may continue to enjoy our many freedoms.

Sincerely,



Vern Buchanan
Member of Congress