Amendment to H.R. 2670
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024

Offered by: Ms. Jacobs

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

GAO Review on Employment by Foreign Governments of Former Officers of the Armed Forces

The committee notes current statutes and regulations that govern the employment by foreign governments of former officers of the Armed Forces, including section 908 of title 37, United States Code, section 207 of title 37, United States Code, and the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611). The committee also notes public investigations from The Washington Post and Project on Government Oversight on the processes by which such statutes and regulations are implemented. Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to the House Armed Services Committee not later than March 1, 2024 on the employment of former officers of the Armed Forces covered by section 908 of title 37, United States Code, including an assessment of the following:

(1) the processes in place at the Department of State and the Department of Defense to identify the extent to which such former officers were provided compensation directly or indirectly by foreign governments during the 5-year period preceding submission of the report; to identify the extent to which such former officers who receive compensation from foreign governments work on contracts or programs of the Department of Defense, the Department of State, or the Department of Health and Human Services for which such former officials personally had program oversight responsibility or decision-making authority when they served in the Armed Forces or that are the responsibility of the agency, office, or command in which such former officers served; and to review and approve employment by foreign governments of such former officers in accordance with section 908 of title 37, United States Code; and

(2) what is known about the effectiveness of existing statutes and regulations governing the employment of former officers of the Armed Forces, including section 207 of title 18, United States Code; section 908 of title 37, United States Code; and the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611 et seq.).