

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. MOULTON OF MASSACHUSETTS**

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING CONFLICT**  
2 **WITH THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
4 gress that—

5 (1) the Islamic Republic of Iran remains a ma-  
6 lign actor in the Middle East, undermining stability  
7 by supporting terrorist groups and military proxies,  
8 employing paramilitary forces, engaging in military  
9 provocations, and conducting malicious cyber and in-  
10 formation operations;

11 (3) while the United States Armed Forces have  
12 demonstrated unparalleled professionalism, bravery,  
13 and tactical excellence in countering Iranian attacks  
14 and executing military operations in the region, tac-  
15 tical successes alone do not meet the long-term stra-  
16 tegic goals of the United States and allies and part-  
17 ners thereof;

1           (4) military achievement is one instrument of  
2 national power used to apply pressure and achieve  
3 United States geopolitical objectives;

4           (5) military tactical and operational successes  
5 have failed to alter the strategic calculus of the Is-  
6 lamic Republic of Iran and have not secured freedom  
7 of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz;

8           (6) the Administration must prioritize diplo-  
9 matic engagement and alignment with allies and  
10 partners of the United States in the region to  
11 counter the threats posed by the Islamic Republic of  
12 Iran;

13           (7) absent a diplomatic solution, the current  
14 conflict with the Islamic Republic of Iran will cause  
15 long term damage to United States interests in the  
16 region and critical relationships with allies and part-  
17 ners of the United States, and risks the lives of  
18 members of the United States Armed Forces;

19           (8) Article I, Section 8 of the United States  
20 Constitution explicitly vests the power to declare war  
21 and authorize the use of military force solely in the  
22 Congress;

23           (9) the current conflict with the Islamic Repub-  
24 lic of Iran represents a unilateral war of choice initi-  
25 ated by the President, executed without prior con-

1 sultation with Congress, without an explicit statu-  
2 tory authorization for the use of military force, and  
3 without a clear mandate from the American people;  
4 and

5 (10) such unilateral military escalation was un-  
6 dertaken without adequate consultation with, or the  
7 meaningful consensus of, traditional allies and part-  
8 ners of the United States, thereby straining critical  
9 global alliances and undermining collective inter-  
10 national security frameworks.

