

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. GOODLANDER OF NEW
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At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10___. PROTECTING THE INDEPENDENCE AND FREE-**
2 **DOM OF THE PENTAGON PRESS CORPS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
4 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
5 for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Defense may
6 be used to restrict the free and independent press, includ-
7 ing by—

8 (1) imposing restrictions on the gathering and
9 release of information, including unclassified mate-
10 rial;

11 (2) imposing credentialing requirements under
12 which journalists are required to seek the authoriza-
13 tion of the Department to gather and release infor-
14 mation;

15 (3) limiting the ability of journalists to move
16 freely through the facilities of the Department with-
17 out an approved escort;

1 (4) closing any workspace designated for jour-
2 nalists inside a facility of the Department without
3 providing a sufficient alternative space in that facil-
4 ity; or

5 (5) threatening to revoke the credentials or oth-
6 erwise limit the access of journalists within the De-
7 partment for noncompliance with any other Depart-
8 ment directive that restricts the free and inde-
9 pendent press.

10 (b) CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.—If
11 the Secretary of Defense revokes the credentials of any
12 journalist for any reason, the Secretary shall provide to
13 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
14 House of Representatives notice of the revocation by not
15 later than 10 days after the date of the revocation. Notice
16 under this paragraph shall include a description of the cir-
17 cumstances that led to the revocation of the credentials
18 and the reasoning of the Secretary.

19 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
20 tion may be construed to authorize the disclosure of classi-
21 fied national security information governed by section 798
22 of title 18, United States Code.

