

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 **SEC. 10 ____ . REQUIREMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE IN**
2 **EACH GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT COMMAND.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—By not later than one year
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of Defense shall ensure that within each of the United
6 States geographic combatant commands there is estab-
7 lished a Human Rights Office. The purpose of each such
8 office shall be to—

9 (1) advise the commander of the combatant
10 command on the promotion and protection of human
11 rights in ally and partner countries; and

12 (2) conduct activities to integrate such pro-
13 motion and protection into command strategy.

14 (b) **RESPONSIBILITIES.**—Each office established
15 within a combatant command pursuant to subsection (a)
16 shall be responsible for the following:

17 (1) Administering the human rights policy of
18 the combatant command to ensure the promotion
19 and protection of fundamental human rights.

1 (2) Serving as the liaison of the combatant
2 command with representatives of the human rights
3 community.

4 (3) Overseeing the implementation of, and com-
5 pliance with, Department of Defense Instruction
6 2200.01, titled “Combating Trafficking in Persons”,
7 or such successor policy of the Department of De-
8 fense.

9 (4) Such other activities relating to human
10 rights as the Secretary of Defense determines appro-
11 priate.

12 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
14 each of the following three years, the Secretary of Defense
15 shall submit to the congressional defense committees, and
16 make publicly available on an appropriate website of the
17 Department, a report on the status of the implementation
18 of this section and activities of each office established
19 under subsection (a).

