

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3838
OFFERED BY MR. MOULTON OF MASSACHUSETTS

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

1 **SEC. 10____. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON INAPPROPRIATE**
2 **SHARING OF NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMA-**
3 **TION.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the use of an unsecured, nongovernmental
6 messaging platform for the transmission of informa-
7 tion pertaining to operational details of ongoing mili-
8 tary operations jeopardizes the success of the mis-
9 sion and the safety of the members of the Army,
10 Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force
11 executing the mission;

12 (2) the distribution of classified information to
13 unauthorized individuals is criminalized under chap-
14 ter 37 of title 18, United States Code (commonly
15 known as the “Espionage Act”);

16 (3) core principles of military leadership include
17 adherence to law and policy, setting the proper ex-
18 ample for subordinates, and taking full responsibility
19 for the actions one takes;

1 (4) these principles are of utmost importance at
2 the highest levels of command, given the responsi-
3 bility of senior Department of Defense leadership for
4 the lives of members of the Army, Navy, Air Force,
5 Marine Corps, and Space Force and the security of
6 the United States; and

7 (5) in accordance with the principles of good
8 order and discipline, senior Department of Defense
9 leaders who inappropriately or illegally shares sen-
10 sitive national defense information should assume
11 full responsibility for their actions and accept the
12 appropriate consequences as specified by law and
13 Department of Defense policy.

