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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To limit the use of funds to reduce the total number of members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who are deployed to the Republic of Korea, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MALINOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO REDUCE**
2 **THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE**
3 **ARMED FORCES SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY**
4 **WHO ARE DEPLOYED TO THE REPUBLIC OF**
5 **KOREA.**

6 (a) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—Congress—

7 (1) declares that it is in the United States na-
8 tional interest to maintain treaty alliances and for-
9 ward military presence in Asia to deter conflict and
10 preserve peace and security; and

11 (2) reaffirms the Mutual Defense Treaty Be-
12 tween the United States and the Republic of Korea.

13 (b) LIMITATION.—None of the funds made available
14 to the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2019 may
15 be used to reduce the total number of members of the
16 United States Armed Forces serving on active duty who
17 are deployed to the Republic of Korea below 22,000 un-
18 less—

19 (1) the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of
20 the Joint Chiefs of Staff first jointly certify to the
21 relevant congressional committees that the Republic
22 of Korea would be fully capable of defending itself
23 and deterring a conflict on the Korean Peninsula
24 that would threaten United States interests fol-
25 lowing such a reduction;

1 (2) the Secretary has appropriately consulted
2 with allies of the United States, including the Re-
3 public of Korea and Japan, regarding such a reduc-
4 tion;

5 (3) the Secretary and the Chairman first jointly
6 certify to such committees that North Korea has
7 completed verifiable and irreversible nuclear disar-
8 maments; and

9 (4) such a reduction supports and is consistent
10 with the most current national defense strategy
11 under section 113 of title 10, United States Code.

12 (c) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
13 FINED.—In this section, the term “relevant congressional
14 committees” means—

15 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
16 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives; and

18 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
19 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.