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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,
SECTION 1. LIMITATION ON 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.

(a) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—Congress—

(1) declares that it is in the United States national interest to maintain treaty alliances and forward military presence in Asia to deter conflict and preserve peace and security; and

(2) reaffirms the Mutual Defense Treaty Between the United States and the Republic of Korea.

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

(1) the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff first jointly certify to the relevant congressional committees that the Republic of Korea would be fully capable of defending itself and deterring a conflict on the Korean Peninsula that would threaten United States interests following such a reduction;
(2) the Secretary has appropriately consulted with allies of the United States, including the Republic of Korea and Japan, regarding such a reduction;

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

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

(c) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “relevant congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representa- tives; and

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