Amendment to H.R. 4350 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022

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In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 4350, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Taliban Financial Assets Report

The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the Taliban's access to rare earth minerals, financial resources, and United States military equipment, to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than March 1, 2022.

The report should include —

- (1) the estimated value of Afghanistan's rare earth mineral resources currently under control of the Taliban;
- (2) the estimated value of the cash reserves of the previous government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan that are now in the hands of the Taliban;
- (3) a detailed accounting articles of United States and NATO military equipment now in the hands of the Taliban;
- (4) the estimated net wealth of the Taliban as an organization, and how much that net wealth grew after the fall of the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan;
- (5) a detailed estimation of the Haqqani Network's access to military, financial and rare earth mineral resources after the fall of the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan;
- (6) the impact that the United States withdrawal from Afghanistan had on the military, financial and rare earth mineral resources of al-Qaeda in Afghanistan;
- (7) a detailed assessment of all sources of Taliban, al-Qaeda, and Haqqani Network financing in Afghanistan including from the sale of illicit drugs such as opium; and
- (8) the current state of United States and United Nations sanctions with respect to Afghanistan and their feasibility at blocking the Taliban, including the Haqqani network, as well as al-Qaeda from accessing such financial and military resources.