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JOINT RESOLUTION

Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and
for other purposes.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are hereby appropriated, out of
4 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
5 and out of applicable corporate or other revenues,

1 receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies,
2 corporations, and other organizational units of Govern-
3 ment for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes, namely:

4 SEC. 101. (a) Such amounts as may be necessary,
5 at a rate for operations as provided in the applicable ap-
6 propriations Acts for fiscal year 2014 and under the au-
7 thority and conditions provided in such Acts, for con-
8 tinuing projects or activities (including the costs of direct
9 loans and loan guarantees) that are not otherwise specifi-
10 cally provided for in this joint resolution, that were con-
11 ducted in fiscal year 2014, and for which appropriations,
12 funds, or other authority were made available in the fol-
13 lowing appropriations Acts:

14 (1) The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food
15 and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Ap-
16 propriations Act, 2014 (division A of Public Law
17 113–76).

18 (2) The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Re-
19 lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014 (division B
20 of Public Law 113–76).

21 (3) The Department of Defense Appropriations
22 Act, 2014 (division C of Public Law 113–76).

23 (4) The Energy and Water Development and
24 Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014 (division
25 D of Public Law 113–76).

1 (5) The Financial Services and General Govern-
2 ment Appropriations Act, 2014 (division E of Public
3 Law 113–76).

4 (6) The Department of Homeland Security Ap-
5 propriations Act, 2014 (division F of Public Law
6 113–76).

7 (7) The Department of the Interior, Environ-
8 ment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
9 2014 (division G of Public Law 113–76).

10 (8) The Departments of Labor, Health and
11 Human Services, and Education, and Related Agen-
12 cies Appropriations Act, 2014 (division H of Public
13 Law 113–76).

14 (9) The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,
15 2014 (division I of Public Law 113–76).

16 (10) The Military Construction and Veterans
17 Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
18 2014 (division J of Public Law 113–76).

19 (11) The Department of State, Foreign Oper-
20 ations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act,
21 2014 (division K of Public Law 113–76).

22 (12) The Transportation, Housing and Urban
23 Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations
24 Act, 2014 (division L of Public Law 113–76).

1 (b) The rate for operations provided by subsection (a)
2 is hereby reduced by 0.0554 percent.

3 SEC. 102. (a) No appropriation or funds made avail-
4 able or authority granted pursuant to section 101 for the
5 Department of Defense shall be used for: (1) the new pro-
6 duction of items not funded for production in fiscal year
7 2014 or prior years; (2) the increase in production rates
8 above those sustained with fiscal year 2014 funds; or (3)
9 the initiation, resumption, or continuation of any project,
10 activity, operation, or organization (defined as any project,
11 subproject, activity, budget activity, program element, and
12 subprogram within a program element, and for any invest-
13 ment items defined as a P–1 line item in a budget activity
14 within an appropriation account and an R–1 line item that
15 includes a program element and subprogram element with-
16 in an appropriation account) for which appropriations,
17 funds, or other authority were not available during fiscal
18 year 2014.

19 (b) No appropriation or funds made available or au-
20 thority granted pursuant to section 101 for the Depart-
21 ment of Defense shall be used to initiate multi-year pro-
22 curements utilizing advance procurement funding for eco-
23 nomic order quantity procurement unless specifically ap-
24 propriated later.

1 SEC. 103. Appropriations made by section 101 shall
2 be available to the extent and in the manner that would
3 be provided by the pertinent appropriations Act.

4 SEC. 104. Except as otherwise provided in section
5 102, no appropriation or funds made available or author-
6 ity granted pursuant to section 101 shall be used to ini-
7 tiate or resume any project or activity for which appro-
8 priations, funds, or other authority were not available dur-
9 ing fiscal year 2014.

10 SEC. 105. Appropriations made and authority grant-
11 ed pursuant to this joint resolution shall cover all obliga-
12 tions or expenditures incurred for any project or activity
13 during the period for which funds or authority for such
14 project or activity are available under this joint resolution.

15 SEC. 106. Unless otherwise provided for in this joint
16 resolution or in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal
17 year 2015, appropriations and funds made available and
18 authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution shall
19 be available until whichever of the following first occurs:
20 (1) the enactment into law of an appropriation for any
21 project or activity provided for in this joint resolution; (2)
22 the enactment into law of the applicable appropriations
23 Act for fiscal year 2015 without any provision for such
24 project or activity; or (3) December 11, 2014.

1 SEC. 107. Expenditures made pursuant to this joint
2 resolution shall be charged to the applicable appropriation,
3 fund, or authorization whenever a bill in which such appli-
4 cable appropriation, fund, or authorization is contained is
5 enacted into law.

6 SEC. 108. Appropriations made and funds made
7 available by or authority granted pursuant to this joint
8 resolution may be used without regard to the time limita-
9 tions for submission and approval of apportionments set
10 forth in section 1513 of title 31, United States Code, but
11 nothing in this joint resolution may be construed to waive
12 any other provision of law governing the apportionment
13 of funds.

14 SEC. 109. Notwithstanding any other provision of
15 this joint resolution, except section 106, for those pro-
16 grams that would otherwise have high initial rates of oper-
17 ation or complete distribution of appropriations at the be-
18 ginning of fiscal year 2015 because of distributions of
19 funding to States, foreign countries, grantees, or others,
20 such high initial rates of operation or complete distribu-
21 tion shall not be made, and no grants shall be awarded
22 for such programs funded by this joint resolution that
23 would impinge on final funding prerogatives.

24 SEC. 110. This joint resolution shall be implemented
25 so that only the most limited funding action of that per-

mitted in the joint resolution shall be taken in order to provide for continuation of projects and activities.

SEC. 111. (a) For entitlements and other mandatory payments whose budget authority was provided in appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2014, and for activities under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, activities shall be continued at the rate to maintain program levels under current law, under the authority and conditions provided in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2014, to be continued through the date specified in section 106(3).

(b) Notwithstanding section 106, obligations for mandatory payments due on or about the first day of any month that begins after October 2014 but not later than 30 days after the date specified in section 106(3) may continue to be made, and funds shall be available for such payments.

SEC. 112. Amounts made available under section 101 for civilian personnel compensation and benefits in each department and agency may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to avoid furloughs within such department or agency, consistent with the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2014, except that such authority provided under this section shall not be used until after the department or agency has taken all necessary actions

1 to reduce or defer non-personnel-related administrative ex-
2 penses.

3 SEC. 113. Funds appropriated by this joint resolution
4 may be obligated and expended notwithstanding section 10
5 of Public Law 91–672 (22 U.S.C. 2412), section 15 of
6 the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
7 U.S.C. 2680), section 313 of the Foreign Relations Au-
8 thorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (22 U.S.C.
9 6212), and section 504(a)(1) of the National Security Act
10 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3094(a)(1)).

11 SEC. 114. (a) Each amount incorporated by reference
12 in this joint resolution that was previously designated by
13 the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global
14 War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the
15 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
16 1985 or as being for disaster relief pursuant to section
17 251(b)(2)(D) of such Act is designated by the Congress
18 for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Ter-
19 rorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of such Act or
20 as being for disaster relief pursuant to section
21 251(b)(2)(D) of such Act, respectively.

22 (b) The reduction in section 101(b) of this joint reso-
23 lution shall not apply to—

24 (1) amounts designated under subsection (a) of
25 this section; or

1 (2) amounts made available by section 101(a)
2 by reference to the second paragraph under the
3 heading “Social Security Administration—Limita-
4 tion on Administrative Expenses” in division H of
5 Public Law 113–76.

6 (c) Section 6 of Public Law 113–76 shall apply to
7 amounts designated in subsection (a) for Overseas Contin-
8 gency Operations/Global War on Terrorism.

9 SEC. 115. During the period covered by this joint res-
10 olution, discretionary amounts appropriated for fiscal year
11 2015 that were provided in advance by appropriations
12 Acts shall be available in the amounts provided in such
13 Acts, reduced by the percentage in section 101(b).

14 SEC. 116. Notwithstanding section 101, amounts are
15 provided for “Department of Agriculture—Domestic Food
16 Programs—Food and Nutrition Service—Commodity As-
17 sistance Program” at a rate for operations of
18 \$275,701,000, of which \$208,682,000 shall be for the
19 Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

20 SEC. 117. For “Department of Health and Human
21 Services—Food and Drug Administration—Salaries and
22 Expenses”, amounts shall be made available by this joint
23 resolution as if “outsourcing facility fees authorized by 21
24 U.S.C. 379j–62,” were included after “21 U.S.C. 381,”

1 in the second paragraph under such heading in division
2 A of Public Law 113–76.

3 SEC. 118. Amounts made available by section 101 for
4 “Department of Commerce—National Oceanic and At-
5 mospheric Administration—Procurement, Acquisition and
6 Construction” may be apportioned up to the rate for oper-
7 ations necessary to maintain the planned launch schedules
8 for the Joint Polar Satellite System and the Geostationary
9 Operational Environmental Satellite system.

10 SEC. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of
11 law, except sections 106 and 107 of this joint resolution,
12 for “Department of Defense—Overseas Contingency Op-
13 erations—Operation and Maintenance—Operation and
14 Maintenance, Army”, up to \$50,000,000, to be derived by
15 reducing the amount otherwise made available by section
16 101 for such account, may be used to conduct surface and
17 subsurface clearance of unexploded ordnance at closed
18 training ranges used by the Armed Forces of the United
19 States in Afghanistan: *Provided*, That such funds may
20 only be used if the training ranges are not transferred to
21 the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for use by its armed
22 forces: *Provided further*, That the authority provided by
23 this section shall continue in effect through the earlier of
24 the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution
25 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing appro-

1 priations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the
2 Department of Defense: *Provided further*, That such
3 amount is designated as provided under section 114 for
4 such account.

5 SEC. 120. The following authorities shall continue in
6 effect through the earlier of the date specified in section
7 106(3) of this joint resolution or the date of the enactment
8 of an Act authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2015
9 for military activities of the Department of Defense:

10 (1) Section 1004 of the National Defense Au-
11 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (Public Law
12 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 374 note).

13 (2) Section 1215 of the National Defense Au-
14 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law
15 112–81; 10 U.S.C. 113 note).

16 (3) Section 127b of title 10, United States
17 Code, notwithstanding subsection (c)(3)(C) of such
18 section.

19 (4) Subsection (b) of section 572 of the Na-
20 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
21 2006 (20 U.S.C. 7703b(b)), notwithstanding para-
22 graph (4) of such subsection.

23 SEC. 121. (a) Funds made available by section 101
24 for “Department of Energy—Energy Programs—Ura-
25 nium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning

1 Fund” may be apportioned up to the rate for operations
2 necessary to avoid disruption of continuing projects or ac-
3 tivities funded in this appropriation.

4 (b) The Secretary of Energy shall notify the Commit-
5 tees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
6 and the Senate not later than 3 days after each use of
7 the authority provided in subsection (a).

8 SEC. 122. (a) Funds made available by section 101
9 for “Department of Energy—Environmental and Other
10 Defense Activities—Defense Environmental Cleanup” for
11 the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant may be obligated at a rate
12 for operations necessary to assure timely execution of ac-
13 tivities necessary to restore and upgrade the repository.

14 (b) The Secretary of Energy shall notify the Commit-
15 tees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
16 and the Senate on each use of the spending rate authority
17 provided in this section that exceeds customary apportion-
18 ment allocations.

19 SEC. 123. Notwithstanding any other provision of
20 this joint resolution, except section 106, the District of
21 Columbia may expend local funds under the heading “Dis-
22 trict of Columbia Funds” for such programs and activities
23 under title IV of H.R. 5016 (113th Congress), as passed
24 by the House of Representatives on July 16, 2014, at the
25 rate set forth under “District of Columbia Funds—Sum-

1 mary of Expenses” as included in the Fiscal Year 2015
2 Budget Request Act of 2014 (D.C. Act 20–370), as modi-
3 fied as of the date of the enactment of this joint resolution.

4 SEC. 124. Notwithstanding section 101, amounts are
5 provided for “Office of Special Counsel—Salaries and Ex-
6 penses” at a rate for operations of \$22,939,000.

7 SEC. 125. The third proviso under the heading
8 “Small Business Administration—Business Loans Pro-
9 gram Account” in division E of Public Law 113–76 is
10 amended by striking “\$17,500,000,000” and inserting
11 “\$18,500,000,000”: *Provided*, That amounts made avail-
12 able by section 101 for such proviso under such heading
13 may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary
14 to accommodate increased demand for commitments to
15 general business loans under section 7(a) of the Small
16 Business Act: *Provided further*, That this section shall be-
17 come effective upon enactment of this joint resolution.

18 SEC. 126. Sections 1101(a) and 1104(a)(2)(A) of the
19 Internet Tax Freedom Act (title XI of division C of Public
20 Law 105–277; 47 U.S.C. 151 note) shall be applied by
21 substituting the date specified in section 106(3) of this
22 joint resolution for “November 1, 2014”.

23 SEC. 127. Section 550(b) of Public Law 109–295 (6
24 U.S.C. 121 note) shall be applied by substituting the date

1 specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution for “Oc-
2 tober 4, 2014”.

3 SEC. 128. The authority provided by section 831 of
4 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 391) shall
5 continue in effect through the date specified in section
6 106(3) of this joint resolution.

7 SEC. 129. (a) Amounts made available by section 101
8 for the Department of Homeland Security for “U.S. Cus-
9 toms and Border Protection—Salaries and Expenses”,
10 “U.S. Customs and Border Protection—Border Security
11 Fencing, Infrastructure, and Technology”, “U.S. Customs
12 and Border Protection—Air and Marine Operations”,
13 “U.S. Customs and Border Protection—Construction and
14 Facilities Management”, and “U.S. Immigration and Cus-
15 toms Enforcement—Salaries and Expenses” shall be obli-
16 gated at a rate for operations as necessary to respec-
17 tively—

18 (1) sustain the staffing levels of U.S. Customs
19 and Border Protection officers and Border Patrol
20 agents in accordance with the provisos under the
21 heading “U.S. Customs and Border Protection—Sal-
22 aries and Expenses” in division F of Public Law
23 113–76;

24 (2) sustain border security and immigration en-
25 forcement operations;

1 (3) sustain necessary Air and Marine oper-
2 ations; and

3 (4) sustain the staffing levels of U.S. Immigra-
4 tion and Customs Enforcement agents, equivalent to
5 the staffing levels achieved on September 30, 2014,
6 and comply with the fifth proviso under the heading
7 “U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement—Sal-
8 aries and Expenses” in division F of Public Law
9 113–76.

10 (b) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall notify
11 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives and the Senate on each use of the authority
13 provided in this section.

14 SEC. 130. Section 810 of the Federal Lands Recre-
15 ation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6809) shall be applied
16 by substituting “on the date that is 1 year after the date
17 specified in section 106(3) of the Continuing Appropria-
18 tions Resolution, 2015” for “10 years after the date of
19 the enactment of this Act”.

20 SEC. 131. (a) The authority provided by subsection
21 (m)(3) of section 8162 of the Department of Defense Ap-
22 propriations Act, 2000 (40 U.S.C. 8903 note; Public Law
23 106–79) shall continue in effect through the date specified
24 in section 106(3) of this joint resolution.

1 (b) For the period covered by this joint resolution,
2 the authority provided by the provisos under the heading
3 “Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission—Capital
4 Construction” in division E of Public Law 112–74 shall
5 not be in effect.

6 SEC. 132. Activities authorized under part A of title
7 IV and section 1108(b) of the Social Security Act (other
8 than under section 413(h) of such Act) shall continue
9 through the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint
10 resolution, in the manner authorized for fiscal year 2014
11 (except that the amount appropriated for section 403(b)
12 of such Act shall be \$598,000,000, and the requirement
13 to reserve funds provided for in section 403(b)(2) of such
14 Act shall not apply with respect to this section), and out
15 of any money in the Treasury of the United States not
16 otherwise appropriated, there are hereby appropriated
17 such sums as may be necessary for such purpose. Grants
18 and payments may be made pursuant to this authority
19 through the applicable portion of the first quarter of fiscal
20 year 2015 at the pro rata portion of the level provided
21 for such activities through the first quarter of fiscal year
22 2014.

23 SEC. 133. Amounts allocated to Head Start grantees
24 from amounts identified in the seventh proviso under the
25 heading “Department of Health and Human Services—

1 Administration for Children and Families—Children and
2 Families Services Programs” in Public Law 113–76 shall
3 not be included in the calculation of the “base grant” in
4 fiscal year 2015, as such term is used in section
5 640(a)(7)(A) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.
6 9835(a)(7)(A)).

7 SEC. 134. The first proviso under the heading “De-
8 partment of Health and Human Services—Administration
9 for Children and Families—Low Income Home Energy
10 Assistance” in division H of Public Law 113–76 shall be
11 applied to amounts made available by this joint resolution
12 by substituting “2015” for “2014”.

13 SEC. 135. Amounts provided by this joint resolution
14 for “Department of Health and Human Services—Admin-
15 istration for Children and Families—Refugee and Entrant
16 Assistance” may be apportioned up to the rate for oper-
17 ations necessary to maintain program operations at the
18 level provided in fiscal year 2014.

19 SEC. 136. In addition to the amount otherwise pro-
20 vided by this joint resolution for “Department of Health
21 and Human Services—Office of the Secretary—Public
22 Health and Social Services Emergency Fund”, there is ap-
23 propriated \$58,000,000 for an additional amount for fis-
24 cal year 2015, to remain available until September 30,
25 2015, for expenses necessary to support acceleration of

1 countermeasure and product advanced research and devel-
2 opment pursuant to section 319L of the Public Health
3 Service Act for addressing Ebola.

4 SEC. 137. In addition to the amount otherwise pro-
5 vided by this joint resolution for “Department of Health
6 and Human Services—Centers for Disease Control and
7 Prevention—Global Health”, there is appropriated
8 \$30,000,000 for an additional amount for fiscal year
9 2015, to remain available until September 30, 2015, for
10 expenses necessary to support the responses of the Centers
11 for Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in this
12 section as the “CDC”) to the outbreak of Ebola virus in
13 Africa: *Provided*, That such funds shall be available for
14 transfer by the Director of the CDC to other accounts of
15 the CDC for such support: *Provided further*, That the Di-
16 rector of the CDC shall notify the Committees on Appro-
17 priations of the House of Representatives and the Senate
18 not later than 30 days after the date of any transfer under
19 the preceding proviso.

20 SEC. 138. Amounts made available by this joint reso-
21 lution for “Department of Education—Rehabilitation
22 Services and Disability Research”, “Department of Edu-
23 cation—Departmental Management—Program Adminis-
24 tration”, and “Department of Health and Human Serv-
25 ices—Administration for Community Living—Aging and

1 Disability Services Programs” may be obligated in the ac-
2 count and budget structure set forth in section 491 of the
3 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C.
4 3515e).

5 SEC. 139. Of the unobligated balance of amounts pro-
6 vided by section 108 of Public Law 111–3,
7 \$4,549,000,000 is rescinded.

8 SEC. 140. Section 113 of division H of Public Law
9 113–76 shall be applied by substituting the date specified
10 in section 106(3) for “September 30, 2014”.

11 SEC. 141. (a) Notwithstanding section 101, amounts
12 are made available for accounts in title I of division J of
13 Public Law 113–76 at an aggregate rate for operations
14 of \$6,558,223,500.

15 (b) Not later than 30 days after the date of enact-
16 ment of this joint resolution, the Secretary of Defense
17 shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the
18 House of Representatives and the Senate a report delin-
19 eating the allocation of budget authority in subsection (a)
20 by account and project.

21 SEC. 142. Notwithstanding section 101, amounts are
22 provided for “Department of Veterans Affairs—Depart-
23 mental Administration—General Operating Expenses,
24 Veterans Benefits Administration” at a rate for operations
25 of \$2,524,254,000.

1 SEC. 143. Notwithstanding section 101, amounts are
2 provided for “Department of Veterans Affairs—Depart-
3 mental Administration—Office of Inspector General” at
4 a rate for operations of \$126,411,000.

5 SEC. 144. Section 209 of the International Religious
6 Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6436) shall be applied
7 by substituting the date specified in section 106(3) of this
8 joint resolution for “September 30, 2014”.

9 SEC. 145. Amounts made available by section 101 for
10 “Broadcasting Board of Governors—International Broad-
11 casting Operations”, “Bilateral Economic Assistance—
12 Funds Appropriated to the President—Economic Support
13 Fund”, “International Security Assistance—Department
14 of State—International Narcotics Control and Law En-
15 forcement”, “International Security Assistance—Depart-
16 ment of State—Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism,
17 Demining and Related Programs”, and “International Se-
18 curity Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the Presi-
19 dent—Foreign Military Financing Program” shall be obli-
20 gated at a rate for operations as necessary to sustain as-
21 sistance for Ukraine and independent states of the Former
22 Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe to counter
23 external, regional aggression and influence.

24 SEC. 146. Section 7081(4) of division K of Public
25 Law 113–76 shall be applied to amounts made available

1 by this joint resolution by substituting the date specified
2 in section 106(3) of this joint resolution for “September
3 30, 2014”.

4 SEC. 147. The Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 (12
5 U.S.C. 635 et seq.) shall be applied through June 30,
6 2015, by substituting such date for “September 30, 2014”
7 in section 7 of such Act.

8 SEC. 148. (a) Section 44302(f) of title 49, United
9 States Code, is amended by striking “September 30,
10 2014” and inserting “the date specified in section 106(3)
11 of the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015”.

12 (b) Section 44303(b) of title 49, United States Code,
13 is amended by striking “September 30, 2014” and insert-
14 ing “the date specified in section 106(3) of the Continuing
15 Appropriations Resolution, 2015”.

16 (c) Section 44310(a) of title 49, United States Code,
17 is amended by striking “September 30, 2014” and insert-
18 ing “the date specified in section 106(3) of the Continuing
19 Appropriations Resolution, 2015”.

20 SEC. 149. (a) The Secretary of Defense is authorized,
21 in coordination with the Secretary of State, to provide as-
22 sistance, including training, equipment, supplies, and
23 sustainment, to appropriately vetted elements of the Syr-
24 ian opposition and other appropriately vetted Syrian
25 groups and individuals for the following purposes:

1 (1) Defending the Syrian people from attacks
2 by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL),
3 and securing territory controlled by the Syrian oppo-
4 sition.

5 (2) Protecting the United States, its friends
6 and allies, and the Syrian people from the threats
7 posed by terrorists in Syria.

8 (3) Promoting the conditions for a negotiated
9 settlement to end the conflict in Syria.

10 (b) Not later than 15 days prior to providing assist-
11 ance authorized under subsection (a) to vetted recipients
12 for the first time—

13 (1) the Secretary of Defense, in coordination
14 with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the ap-
15 propriate congressional committees and leadership of
16 the House of Representatives and Senate a report,
17 in unclassified form with a classified annex as ap-
18 propriate, that contains a description of—

19 (A) the plan for providing such assistance;

20 (B) the requirements and process used to
21 determine appropriately vetted recipients; and

22 (C) the mechanisms and procedures that
23 will be used to monitor and report to the appro-
24 priate congressional committees and leadership
25 of the House of Representatives and Senate on

1 unauthorized end-use of provided training and
2 equipment and other violations of relevant law
3 by recipients; and

4 (2) the President shall submit to the appro-
5 priate congressional committees and leadership of
6 the House of Representatives and Senate a report,
7 in unclassified form with a classified annex as ap-
8 propriate, that contains a description of how such
9 assistance fits within a larger regional strategy.

10 (c) The plan required in subsection (b)(1) shall in-
11 clude a description of—

12 (1) the goals and objectives of assistance au-
13 thorized under subsection (a);

14 (2) the concept of operations, timelines, and
15 types of training, equipment, and supplies to be pro-
16 vided;

17 (3) the roles and contributions of partner na-
18 tions;

19 (4) the number of United States Armed Forces
20 personnel involved;

21 (5) any additional military support and
22 sustainment activities; and

23 (6) any other relevant details.

24 (d) Not later than 90 days after the Secretary of De-
25 fense submits the report required in subsection (b)(1), and

1 every 90 days thereafter, the Secretary of Defense, in co-
2 ordination with the Secretary of State, shall provide the
3 appropriate congressional committees and leadership of
4 the House of Representatives and the Senate with a
5 progress report. Such progress report shall include a de-
6 scription of—

7 (1) any updates to or changes in the plan,
8 strategy, vetting requirements and process, and end-
9 use monitoring mechanisms and procedures, as re-
10 quired in subsection (b)(1);

11 (2) statistics on green-on-blue attacks and how
12 such attacks are being mitigated;

13 (3) the groups receiving assistance authorized
14 under subsection (a);

15 (4) the recruitment, throughput, and retention
16 rates of recipients and equipment;

17 (5) any misuse or loss of provided training and
18 equipment and how such misuse or loss is being
19 mitigated; and

20 (6) an assessment of the effectiveness of the as-
21 sistance authorized under subsection (a) as meas-
22 ured against subsections (b) and (c).

23 (e) For purposes of this section, the following defini-
24 tions shall apply:

1 (1) The term “appropriately vetted” means,
2 with respect to elements of the Syrian opposition
3 and other Syrian groups and individuals, at a min-
4 imum, assessments of such elements, groups, and in-
5 dividuals for associations with terrorist groups, Shia
6 militias aligned with or supporting the Government
7 of Syria, and groups associated with the Government
8 of Iran. Such groups include, but are not limited to,
9 the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL),
10 Jabhat al Nusrah, Ahrar al Sham, other al-Qaeda
11 related groups, and Hezbollah.

12 (2) The term “appropriate congressional com-
13 mittees” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
15 Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee
16 on Appropriations, and the Permanent Select
17 Committee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives; and

19 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
20 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Com-
21 mittee on Appropriations, and the Select Com-
22 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate.

23 (f) The Department of Defense may submit a re-
24 programming or transfer request to the congressional de-
25 fense committees for funds made available by section

1 101(a)(3) of this joint resolution and designated in section
2 114 of this joint resolution to carry out activities author-
3 ized under this section notwithstanding sections 102 and
4 104 of this joint resolution.

5 (g) The Secretary of Defense may accept and retain
6 contributions, including assistance in-kind, from foreign
7 governments to carry out activities as authorized by this
8 section which shall be credited to appropriations made
9 available by this joint resolution for the appropriate oper-
10 ation and maintenance accounts, except that any funds so
11 accepted by the Secretary shall not be available for obliga-
12 tion until a reprogramming action is submitted to the con-
13 gressional defense committees: *Provided*, That amounts
14 made available by this subsection are designated by the
15 Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global
16 War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the
17 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
18 1985: *Provided further*, That such amounts shall be avail-
19 able only if the President so designates such amounts and
20 transmits such designations to the Congress.

21 (h) The authority provided in this section shall con-
22 tinue in effect through the earlier of the date specified
23 in section 106(3) of this joint resolution or the date of
24 the enactment of an Act authorizing appropriations for

1 fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department
2 of Defense.

3 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to con-
4 stitute a specific statutory authorization for the introduc-
5 tion of United States Armed Forces into hostilities or into
6 situations wherein hostilities are clearly indicated by the
7 circumstances.

8 (j) Nothing in this section supersedes or alters the
9 continuing obligations of the President to report to Con-
10 gress pursuant to section 4 of the War Powers Resolution
11 (50 U.S.C. 1543) regarding the use of United States
12 Armed Forces abroad.

13 This joint resolution may be cited as the “Continuing
14 Appropriations Resolution, 2015”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 17,
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Attest:

Clerk.

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Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year
2015, and for other purposes.