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To direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report on the national security implications of climate change.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2020

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Ms. SPANBERGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Climate Readiness Act
5 of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REPORT ON NATIONAL**
7 **SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF CLIMATE**
8 **CHANGE.**

9 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one year
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
2 ices of the Senate and House of Representatives a report
3 on—

4 (1) the national security implications associated
5 with climate change; and

6 (2) strategies and approaches for responding to
7 climate change.

8 (b) REPORT ELEMENTS.—The report required under
9 subsection (a) shall include each of the following:

10 (1) An overview of how the exacerbation of cur-
11 rent global conflicts, the creation of new global con-
12 flicts, and increased geopolitical instability due to
13 climate change is likely to affect the national secu-
14 rity of the United States.

15 (2) An overview of how climate change will af-
16 fect the resiliency of current missions of the Armed
17 Forces of the United States.

18 (3) An overview of the actions the Secretary
19 recommends to address the geopolitical threats to
20 the security of the United States due to climate
21 change.

22 (4) A list of the ten most concerning existing or
23 emerging conflicts that pose a risk to United States
24 security that may be exacerbated by climate change.

- 1 (c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required under
- 2 subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
- 3 may contain a classified annex.

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