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To prohibit Federal law enforcement officers from wearing camouflage uniforms in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To prohibit Federal law enforcement officers from wearing camouflage uniforms in the United States.

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. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL LAW ENFORCE-**
4 **MENT OFFICERS FROM WEARING CAMOU-**
5 **FLAGE UNIFORMS IN THE UNITED STATES.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

7 (1) the term “covered Federal law enforcement
8 officer”—

9 (A) means—

1 (i) an officer, employee, or agent in a
2 position in the executive, legislative, or ju-
3 dicial branch of the Federal Government
4 who is authorized by law to engage in or
5 supervise a law enforcement function; or

6 (ii) an employee or officer of a con-
7 tractor or subcontractor (at any tier) of an
8 agency in the executive, legislative, or judi-
9 cial branch of the Federal Government who
10 is authorized by law or under the contract
11 with the agency to engage in or supervise
12 a law enforcement function; and

13 (B) does not include—

14 (i) an officer, employee, agent, or
15 member of the Coast Guard;

16 (ii) a member of an Armed Force; or

17 (iii) a military police officer;

18 (2) the term “law enforcement function” means
19 the prevention, detection, or investigation of any vio-
20 lation of law;

21 (3) the term “member of an Armed Force”
22 means a member of any of the armed forces, as de-
23 fined in section 101(a)(4) of title 10, United States
24 Code, or a member of the National Guard, as de-

1 fined in section 101(3) of title 32, United States
2 Code; and

3 (4) the term “United States”, as used in a ter-
4 ritorial sense, includes all places and waters, conti-
5 nental or insular, subject to the jurisdiction of the
6 United States.

7 (b) PROHIBITION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
9 graph (2), a covered Federal law enforcement officer
10 may not wear a uniform that includes a camouflage
11 pattern in the United States.

12 (2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not
13 apply to the wearing of a uniform that includes a
14 camouflage pattern that matches the surrounding
15 environment during a period during which a covered
16 Federal law enforcement officer is engaged in a dis-
17 creet tactical operation where the ability to blend
18 into the surroundings is judged to be necessary for
19 the success of the operation.

20 (c) REPORTING.—Each agency that employs or
21 contracts for the services of one or more covered Federal
22 law enforcement officers shall submit to Congress a bian-
23 nual report documenting any wearing of a uniform that
24 includes a camouflage pattern by a covered Federal law
25 enforcement officer of the agency under the exception

1 under subsection (b)(2) during the period covered by the
2 report, which shall include the date, operation, and jus-
3 tification for invoking exception.

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