

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1134

To reduce the amount authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Mr. POCAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BUSH, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. OMAR, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. TLAIB, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) 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 “People Over Pentagon
5 Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) many of the most urgent threats to the na-
2 tional security of the United States are not military
3 in nature;

4 (2) the Federal budget should reflect the na-
5 tional priorities of the United States; and

6 (3) in order to better protect the security of all
7 people and address the national priorities of the
8 United States, the budget of the Department of De-
9 fense should be reduced and the associated savings
10 should be reallocated.

11 **SEC. 3. REDUCTION IN AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED TO BE AP-**
12 **PROPRIATED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
13 **FENSE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.**

14 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The amount authorized to be ap-
15 propriated for the Department of Defense for 2024 is—

16 (1) the aggregate amount appropriated for the
17 Department of Defense for fiscal year 2023 in divi-
18 sion C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023
19 (Public Law 117–103), reduced by

20 (2) \$100,000,000,000.

21 (b) **FUNDING FOR CERTAIN ACCOUNTS.**—The
22 amount authorized to be appropriated for each of the fol-
23 lowing accounts of the Department of Defense shall be the
24 amount authorized to be appropriated for such account
25 for fiscal year 2024:

1 (1) The Defense Health Program.

2 (2) Each military personnel account.

3 (3) Each account providing for pay and benefits
4 for persons appointed into the civil service as defined
5 in section 2101 of title 5, United States Code.

6 (c) APPLICATION OF FUNDING CUTS.—In reducing
7 funding for Department of Defense programs in accord-
8 ance with subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall
9 take into consideration the findings and recommendations
10 contained in the Congressional Budget Office report enti-
11 tled “Illustrative Options for National Defense Under a
12 Smaller Defense Budget” and dated October 2021.

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