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To require a report on the United States strategy in Syria, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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and for other purposes.

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. REPORT ON UNITED STATES STRATEGY IN**

4 **SYRIA.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
6 ings:

7 (1) More than 500,000 people have died in the
8 conflict in Syria.

9 (2) Between tens and hundreds of people con-
10 tinue to die in the conflict every day, requiring con-

1 certed, clear, and urgent leadership from the United
2 States to end it.

3 (3) The humanitarian and refugee crises caused
4 by the conflict are the largest the world has seen
5 since World War II, and there remains a shortfall of
6 more than \$5,000,000,000 in humanitarian assist-
7 ance in connection with the conflict.

8 (4) The United States has spent
9 \$14,000,000,000 to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq
10 and Syria (ISIS) and now needs a plan to secure
11 that victory.

12 (5) Partner forces in Syria stood toe to toe with
13 the United States and a coalition of 75 nations and
14 international organizations in the fight to defeat the
15 Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, and those partner
16 forces now need assistance in re-establishing essen-
17 tial services in their hometowns in Syria.

18 (6) Terrorists connected to al Qaeda-Syria and
19 the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria still have a pres-
20 ence in the border regions of Syria and neighboring
21 territories.

22 (7) The horrors of conflict in Syria continue to
23 enable terrorist groups to develop and thrive, which
24 could one day lead to a new threat similar to the Is-
25 lamic State of Iraq and Syria if ignored.

1 (8) Proxies for Iran have expanded their pres-
2 ence in southern Syria, threatening United States
3 interests in the region, including American personnel
4 and installations, as well as Israel and other United
5 States allies in the region.

6 (9) The strength of the United States has been
7 built on a system of internationally accepted norms
8 that include the basic right of all people to work to-
9 ward a prosperous life, lived out with dignity and re-
10 spect.

11 (10) The international community has often re-
12 peated “never again” after crimes against humanity
13 and genocides, and now finds it time to put that
14 commitment into action.

15 (b) REPORT ON UNITED STATES STRATEGY IN
16 SYRIA.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
18 the date of the enactment of this Act, the President
19 shall submit to Congress a report that sets forth a
20 detailed description of the strategy of the United
21 States in Syria, as required by section 1221 of the
22 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
23 2018 (Public Law 115–91).

1 (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
2 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may
3 include a classified annex.

4 (c) LIMITATION ON USE OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS.—
5 Of the amounts available to carry out section 1209 of the
6 Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National De-
7 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law
8 113–291) as of the date of the enactment of this Act, not
9 more than 66 percent of such amounts may be obligated
10 or expended for that purpose after that date under the
11 date of the submittal to Congress of the report required
12 by subsection (b).