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and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PATRONIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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national defense, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Warrior Road Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. CIVIL DEFENSE.**

6 Section 310 of title 23, United States Code, is
7 amended by striking “to consult, from time to time, with
8 the Federal Civil Defense Administrator relative to the
9 civil defense aspects of highways so constructed or recon-

1 structed” and inserting “to develop a priority listing con-
2 taining the 3 highest priority projects from each State rel-
3 ative to the civil defense aspects of highways so con-
4 structed or reconstructed. At least every 2 years, the Sec-
5 retary shall consult with the Administrator of the Federal
6 Emergency Management Agency to consider whether to
7 update such listing or to reprioritize projects. The Sec-
8 retary shall submit each listing, and any update carried
9 out pursuant to this section, in an electronic format to
10 each Member of Congress”.

11 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**
12 **THAT PROMOTE NATIONAL DEFENSE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
14 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
15 tation, in consultation with the Secretary of War, shall
16 submit to Congress, including in an electronic format to
17 each Member of Congress, a report that contains a list
18 of highway improvement projects that—

19 (1) would promote national defense consistent
20 with the core purposes of highway funding; and

21 (2) are designated as important to national de-
22 fense pursuant to section 210 of title 23, United
23 States Code.

24 (b) HIGHEST PRIORITY PROJECTS IN EACH
25 STATE.—The list compiled pursuant to subsection (a)

1 shall include not less than 3 of the highest priority
2 projects in each State.

3 **SEC. 4. PRIORITIZING FUNDING FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE.**

4 (a) DISCRETIONARY GRANTS.—In awarding discre-
5 tionary grants under title 23, United States Code, the Sec-
6 retary of Transportation shall give priority to projects des-
7 ignated as important to national defense pursuant to sec-
8 tion 210 of title 23, United States Code, and projects des-
9 ignated under section 311 of title 23, United States Code.

10 (b) APPORTIONMENT FUNDS.—To be eligible for dis-
11 bursement of funds under section 104 of title 23, United
12 States Code, a State or metropolitan planning organiza-
13 tion shall ensure that such State or organization will give
14 priority to projects designated as important to national de-
15 fense pursuant to section 210 of title 23, United States
16 Code, and projects designated under section 311 of title
17 23, United States Code.

18 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION OF STATE.**

19 The term “State” has the meaning given the term
20 in section 101 of title 23, United States Code.