

A Joint Letter in Support of Rep. Fleming's Amendment #87 to NDAA

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Dear Representative,

The undersigned organizations write in strong support of Representative John Fleming's amendment #87 to H. R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act, that if enacted would prevent the Department of Defense from continuing to implement Executive Orders 13653 and 13693. These two executive orders require the Department of Defense to create a number of climate change programs and policies throughout the Department.

These climate programs and policies have nothing to do with the mission of the United States' Armed Services. In fact, many of these programs and policies are likely to undermine military readiness by diverting scarce resources to such things as helping state and local governments to "go green," meeting targets for reducing carbon dioxide emissions, meeting a variety of green energy quotas, meeting fleet requirements for low and zero emissions vehicles, and incorporating climate resilience and preparedness as principal aims of land and water management.

Most importantly, Rep. Fleming's amendment would prevent the Department of Defense from implementing section 5 of Executive Order 13653, which requires the Department of Defense to develop "comprehensive plans that integrate consideration of climate change into agency operations and overall mission objectives." In our view, this is an entirely unsuitable addition to the critical mission of our men and women in uniform.

For these reasons, we urge you to vote Yes on Rep. Fleming's amendment #87 to H. R. 4909. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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