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118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Ms. LEE of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on **■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■**

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**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 2022 in divi-  
18                 sion C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022  
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.