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To ensure the ballistic missile defense capacity of the Army.

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Mr. SHUSTER (for himself, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. TURNER, Mr. MOULTON, and Ms. TSONGAS) 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 “Patriot Inventory Pro-
5 tection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE DE-**
7 **FENSE CAPACITY OF THE ARMY.**

8 (a) **LIMITATION.**—None of the funds authorized to
9 be appropriated or otherwise made available for fiscal year
10 2018 or any fiscal year thereafter for the Army may be
11 obligated or expended to demilitarize any GEM–T inter-

1 ceptor or remove any such interceptor from the oper-
2 ational inventory of the Army until the date on which the
3 Secretary of the Army submits to the congressional de-
4 fense committees the evaluation conducted under sub-
5 section (b).

6 (b) EVALUATION.—The Secretary and the Chief of
7 Staff of the Army shall jointly conduct an evaluation of
8 the ability of the Army to meet warfighter requirements
9 and operational needs if GEM–T interceptors are removed
10 from the operational inventory of the Army. In conducting
11 such evaluation, the Secretary and the Chief of Staff shall
12 evaluate whether the Army can maintain an inventory of
13 interceptors necessary to retain the capability provided by
14 GEM–T interceptors and to meet such operational needs
15 by either—

16 (1) recertifying GEM–T interceptors (either
17 with or without modification); or

18 (2) developing, testing, and fielding a new low-
19 cost interceptor that can be placed on the oper-
20 ational inventory of the Army prior to the retirement
21 of GEM–T interceptors.

22 (c) EXCEPTION.—The limitation in subsection (a)
23 shall not apply to activities that the Secretary determines
24 are critical to the safety of GEM–T interceptors.

25 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “congressional defense commit-
2 tees” has the meaning given that term in section
3 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

4 (2) The term “GEM–T interceptor” means the
5 Patriot guidance enhanced missile TBM.

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