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and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PATRONIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “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-
10 structed” and inserting “to develop a priority listing con-

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

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

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

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

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

23 (b) HIGHEST PRIORITY PROJECTS IN EACH
24 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.

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