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To limit the retirement of A–10 aircraft.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISAKSON, and Ms. BALDWIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To limit the retirement of A–10 aircraft.

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. LIMITATION ON RETIREMENT OF A–10 AIR-**
4 **CRAFT.**

5 (a) LIMITATION.—None of the funds authorized to
6 be appropriated or otherwise made available for the De-
7 partment of Defense may be obligated or expended to re-
8 tire, prepare to retire, or place in storage any A–10 air-
9 craft until each of the following:

1 (1) The Secretary of the Air Force certifies to
2 the congressional defense committees each of the fol-
3 lowing:

4 (A) That the F-35A aircraft has achieved
5 full operational capability.

6 (B) That the F-35A aircraft has achieved
7 Block 4A capabilities, including—

8 (i) an enhanced electronic warfare ca-
9 pability that will allow the F-35A aircraft
10 to counter emerging threats in a close air
11 support (CAS) environment; and

12 (ii) a GBU-53 Small Diameter Bomb
13 version II or equivalent weapon operational
14 capability.

15 (C) That a number of F-35A aircraft ex-
16 ists in the Air Force inventory in sufficient
17 quantity to replace the A-10 aircraft being re-
18 tired in order to meet close air support capa-
19 bility requirements of the combatant com-
20 mands.

21 (2) The Comptroller General of the United
22 States submits to the congressional defense commit-
23 tees a report setting forth the following:

1 (A) An assessment whether each certifi-
 2 cation under paragraph (1) is comprehensive,
 3 fully supported, and sufficiently detailed.

4 (B) An identification of any shortcomings,
 5 limitations, or other reportable matters that af-
 6 fect the quality or findings of any certification
 7 under paragraph (1).

8 (b) DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF COMPTROLLER
 9 GENERAL REPORT.—The report of the Comptroller Gen-
 10 eral under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) shall be sub-
 11 mitted not later than 90 days after the date of the sub-
 12 mittal of the certification referred to in paragraph (1) of
 13 that subsection.

14 (c) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-
 15 FINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense
 16 committees” has the meaning given that term in section
 17 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

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