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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to assess the competitive effects of mergers and acquisitions of defense contractors, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DELUZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Defense Contractor
5 Competition Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPTROLLER GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF COM-**
2 **PETITIVE EFFECTS OF MERGERS AND ACQUI-**
3 **SITIONS OF DEFENSE CONTRACTORS.**

4 The Comptroller General of the United States shall
5 conduct an assessment and submit to the congressional
6 defense committees a report on the competitive effects of
7 mergers and acquisitions of defense contractors during the
8 ten-year period preceding the date of the enactment of this
9 Act that includes—

10 (1) the effectiveness of any remedy relating to
11 a merger or acquisition of defense contractors on de-
12 fense industry competition and defense industrial
13 base sustainability;

14 (2) the effectiveness of information sharing be-
15 tween the Attorney General, the Federal Trade
16 Commission, and the Secretary of Defense in the
17 merger and acquisition review process;

18 (3) an analysis of the processes used by the
19 Secretary of Defense for measuring the effect of
20 vertical integration of defense contractors on com-
21 petition, including data collection and the ability to
22 access information from defense contractors that are
23 parties to the merger or acquisition to assess anti-
24 competitive practices among defense contractors;
25 and

1 (4) implementation of previous recommenda-
2 tions of the Comptroller General, the Secretary of
3 Defense, or the Defense Science Board to enhance
4 competition among defense contractors.