118TH CONGRESS
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To direct the Secretary of Defense to provide temporary housing for military families on housing waitlists.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ______________________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Military Housing Wait Times Accountability Act”.

SEC. 2. HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES ON HOUSING WAITLISTS.

(a) Waitlist Accommodations.—The Secretary of Defense shall provide to members of the Armed Forces
and their dependents who, when undergoing a permanent change of station, are placed on a waitlist for on-base housing for a period of more than 10 days following the date of arrival at the new location, temporary accommodations for the entire duration of such period appropriate for the total size and composition of the family of the member and at a rate not to exceed the basic allowance for housing calculated for such member under section 403 of title 37, United States Code.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing—

(1) installation-specific data on the number of members of the Armed Forces and their dependents on military housing waitlists;

(2) an identification of the time spent by each such member and their dependents awaiting appropriate housing accommodations;

(3) an analysis of the factors that are creating the need for such waitlists; and

(4) an assessment of the causes of waitlist durations that exceed 10 days.