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110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that personal protective equipment undergoes survivability testing before full-scale production.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. COURTNEY 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 “Providing Responsible
5 Oversight and Testing of Equipment for Combat Troops
6 Act of 2008” or the “PROTECT Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO UNDERGO**
2 **SURVIVABILITY TESTING BEFORE FULL-**
3 **SCALE PRODUCTION.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL**
5 **TEST AND EVALUATION.**—Section 139(b) of title 10,
6 United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking paragraph (3); and

8 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through
9 (7) as (3) through (6), respectively.

10 (b) **SURVIVABILITY TESTING REQUIRED.**—Section
11 2366(e)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 “(1) The term ‘covered system’ means—

14 “(A) a vehicle, weapon platform, or con-
15 ventional weapon system—

16 “(i) that includes features designed to
17 provide some degree of protection to users
18 in combat; and

19 “(ii) that is a major system within the
20 meaning of that term in section 2302(5) of
21 this title; or

22 “(B) any item of (or key component of)
23 personal equipment designed to provide some
24 degree of protection to the user in combat.”.