AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5781 OFFERED BY MR. BERA OF CALIFORNIA

Page 10, line 10, strike “and” after the semicolon.

Page 10, line 18, strike the period and insert “; and”.

Page 10, after line 18 insert the following:

(F) in collaboration with the United States Fire Administration, carry out research and development of decontamination methods and technologies for firefighting gear on and off the field.

Page 20, line 17, strike “and” after the semicolon.

Page 20, line 24, strike the period and insert a semicolon.

Page 20, after line 24, insert the following:

(9) in coordination with the National Institute of Standards and Technology and other Federal initiatives as appropriate, carry out a study to—
(A) examine PFAS and other potentially harmful contaminants in firefighting gear, fire retardants, and wetting agents; 

(B) determine the lifecycle of firefighting garments; and 

(C) evaluate exposure risks based on different phases of the fire; and 

(10) develop resources regarding best practices for establishing or enhancing peer-support programs within wildland fire firefighting units.