SEC. 1211. EXTENSION OF COMMANDERS' EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM IN AFGHANISTAN.

(a) EXTENSION OF CERP AUTHORITY.—Subsection (a) of section 1201 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112–81; 125 Stat. 1619) is amended—

(1) in the subsection heading, by striking "FISCAL YEAR 2012" and inserting "FISCAL YEAR 2013"; and

(2) by striking "fiscal year 2012" and inserting "fiscal year 2013".

(b) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS.—Subsection (f) of such section is amended by striking "in fiscal year 2012" and inserting "during any period during which the authority in subsection (a) is in effect".

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would authorize $400 million in fiscal year (FY) 2013 for the Commanders' Emergency Response Program (CERP) in Afghanistan.

Budget Implications: This proposal would be funded from within Overseas Contingency Operations appropriations requested in the Administration's FY 2013 request. The cost is reflected in the following table:

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($MILLIONS)								
	FY 2013	**FY 2014**	**FY 2015**	**FY 2016**	**FY 2017**	**Appropriation From**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash-1 Line Item**
CERP	400	-	-	-	-	O&M, Army	01	136
Total	400	-	-	-	-	O&M, Army	01	136

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would make the following changes to section 1201 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012:

SEC. 1201. COMMANDERS' EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM IN AFGHANISTAN.

(a) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR ~~2012~~ 2013.—During fiscal year ~~2012~~ 2013, from funds made available to the Department of Defense for operation and maintenance, not to exceed $400,000,000 may be used by the Secretary of Defense in such fiscal year to provide funds for the Commanders' Emergency Response Program in Afghanistan.

(b) QUARTERLY REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS.—

(1) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not later than 45 days after the end of each fiscal year quarter of fiscal year 2012, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report regarding the source of funds and the allocation and use of funds during that quarter that were made available pursuant to the authority provided in this section or under any other provision of law for the purposes of the program under subsection (a).

(2) FORM.—Each report required under paragraph (1) shall be submitted, at a minimum, in a searchable electronic format that enables the congressional defense committees to sort the report by amount expended, location of each project, type of project, or any other field of data that is included in the report.

(3) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 15 days after the submission of each report required under paragraph (1), appropriate officials of the Department of Defense shall meet with the congressional defense committees to brief such committees on the matters contained in the report.

(c) SUBMISSION OF GUIDANCE.—

(1) INITIAL SUBMISSION.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a copy of the guidance issued by the Secretary to the Armed Forces concerning the allocation of funds through the Commanders' Emergency Response Program in Afghanistan.

(2) MODIFICATIONS.—If the guidance in effect for the purpose stated in paragraph (1) is modified, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a copy of the modification not later than 15 days after the date on which the Secretary makes the modification.

(d) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—For purposes of exercising the authority provided by this section or any other provision of law making funding available for the Commanders' Emergency Response Program in Afghanistan, the Secretary of Defense may waive any provision of law not contained in this section that would (but for the waiver) prohibit, restrict, limit, or otherwise constrain the exercise of that authority.

(e) RESTRICTION ON AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.—Funds made available under this section for the Commanders' Emergency Response Program in Afghanistan may not be obligated or expended to carry out any project if the total amount of funds made available for the purpose of carrying out the project, including any ancillary or related elements of the project, exceeds $20,000,000.

(f) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Secretary of Defense may accept cash contributions from any person, foreign government, or international organization to provide funds for the Commanders' Emergency Response Program in Afghanistan ~~in fiscal year 2012~~ during any period during which the authority in subsection (a) is in effect. Funds received by the Secretary may be credited to the operation and maintenance account from which funds are made available to provide such funds, and may be used for such purpose until expended in addition to the funds specified in subsection (a).

(g) NOTIFICATION.—Not less than 15 days before obligating or expending funds made available under this section for the Commanders' Emergency Response Program in Afghanistan for a project in Afghanistan with a total anticipated cost of $5,000,000 or more, the Secretary of

Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a written notice containing the following information:

(1) The location, nature, and purpose of the proposed project, including how the project is intended to advance the military campaign plan for Afghanistan.

(2) The budget and implementation timeline for the proposed project, including any other funding under the Commanders' Emergency Response Program in Afghanistan that has been or is anticipated to be contributed to the completion of the project.

(3) A plan for the sustainment of the proposed project, including any agreement with either the Government of Afghanistan, a department or agency of the United States Government other than the Department of Defense, or a third party contributor to finance the sustainment of the activities and maintenance of any equipment or facilities to be provided through the proposed project.

(h) COMMANDERS' EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM IN AFGHANISTAN DEFINED.—In this section, the term "Commanders' Emergency Response Program in Afghanistan" means the program that--

(1) authorizes United States military commanders in Afghanistan to carry out small-scale projects designed to meet urgent humanitarian relief requirements or urgent reconstruction requirements within their areas of responsibility; and

(2) provides an immediate and direct benefit to the people of Afghanistan.

(i) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1202 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109-163; 119 Stat. 3455), as most recently amended by section 1212 of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (Public Law 111-383; 124 Stat. 4389), is hereby repealed.