SEC. 1209. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS FOR REINTEGRATION ACTIVITIES IN AFGHANISTAN.

Section 1216 of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (Public Law 111-383; 124 Stat. 4392), as most recently amended by section 1212 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113-66; 127 Stat. 905), is further amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking "$25,000,000" and inserting "$5,000,000"; and

(B) by striking "for fiscal year 2014" and inserting "for fiscal year 2015"; and

(2) in subsection (e), by striking "December 31, 2014" and inserting "December 31, 2015".

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would allow the Secretary of Defense to use up to $5,000,000 of available Department of Defense (DoD) operation and maintenance funds to support the reintegration into Afghan society of former low- to mid-level insurgents in fiscal year (FY) 2015, with the authority to obligate funds through December 31, 2015. These funds would enable DoD to continue supporting Afghan government reintegration activities—whose momentum is growing during the transitioning period. Reintegration of an increasing number of insurgents would positively contribute to the U.S. military campaign in Afghanistan and support reaching a political end to the conflict. U.S. funding of reintegration activities is particularly necessary while the Afghan government strengthens the formal financial mechanisms to disburse reintegration funds to the sub-national level.

Budget Implications: This proposal would be funded from within Overseas Contingency Operations Operation and Maintenance (O&M) appropriations, as requested in the Administration's FY 2015 Overseas Contingency Operations request. The cost is reflected in the following table:

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($MILLIONS)									
	FY 2015	**FY 2016**	**FY 2017**	**FY 2018**	**FY 2019**	**Appropriation From**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash-1 Line Item**	**Program Element**
Reintegration	$5	-	-	-	-	O&M, Army	01	136	
Total	$5	-	-	-	-				

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would make the following changes to section 1216 of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, as amended:

SEC. 1216. AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS FOR REINTEGRATION ACTIVITIES IN AFGHANISTAN.

(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, may utilize not more than ~~$25,000,000~~ $5,000,000 from funds made available to the Department of Defense for operation and maintenance for fiscal year ~~2014~~ 2015 to support the reintegration into Afghan society of those individuals who pledge—

(1) to cease all support for the insurgency in Afghanistan;

(2) to live in accordance with the Constitution of Afghanistan;

(3) to cease violence against the Government of Afghanistan and its international partners; and

(4) that they do not have material ties to al Qaeda or affiliated transnational terrorist organizations.

(b) 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 or the Secretary's designee concerning the allocation of funds utilizing the authority of subsection (a). Such guidance shall include—

(A) mechanisms for coordination with the Government of Afghanistan and other United States Government departments and agencies as appropriate; and

(B) mechanisms to track rates of recidivism among individuals described in subsection (a).

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

(c) REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 2, 2013], and every 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate

congressional committees a report on activities carried out utilizing the authority of subsection (a).

(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means—

(1) the congressional defense committees; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

(e) EXPIRATION.—The authority to obligate funds under subsection (a) shall expire at the close of December 31, ~~2014~~ 2015.