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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3116
OFFERED BY MR. DUNCAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON INCLUSION OF THE**
2 **WESTERN HEMISPHERE IN THE 2012 NA-**
3 **TIONAL STRATEGY FOR COUNTERTERROR-**
4 **ISM'S "AREA OF FOCUS".**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) A 2009 Department of State Country Re-
7 port on Terrorism found that Hezbollah is the most
8 technically capable terrorist group in the world with
9 thousands of supporters, several thousand members,
10 and a few hundred terrorist operatives.

11 (2) Officials from the Iranian Islamic Revolu-
12 tionary Guard Corps' (IRGC) Qods Force have been
13 working in concert with Iran's chief global terrorist
14 proxy, Lebanese Hezbollah, since the 1990s, and
15 they have developed networks in the Western Hemi-
16 sphere that encompass more than 80 operatives in at
17 least 12 countries throughout the region.

18 (3) Hezbollah's chief sponsors, Iran and Syria,
19 have been forging relationships with the govern-
20 ments in Latin America to achieve state cover and

1 effective immunity for their activities, and Hezbollah
2 has established a working relationship with the Rev-
3 olutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) in
4 arms and drug trafficking.

5 (4) Hezbollah has demonstrated its ability to
6 cooperate with Mexican drug cartels to utilize smug-
7 gling techniques and routes in order to bring drugs
8 and people into the United States. Sophisticated
9 narco-tunneling resembling the types used by
10 Hezbollah in Lebanon have been found along the
11 United States-Mexican border, and arrested Mexican
12 gang members entering the United States with Farsi
13 tattoos also support a Hezbollah influence.

14 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
15 gress there exists a significant cause for concern and for
16 further investigation of potential counterterrorism threats
17 to the United States from Iran’s growing presence and
18 influence in the Western Hemisphere. The Secretary of
19 Homeland Security, in coordination with other related
20 agencies, should include the Western Hemisphere in the
21 2012 National Strategy for Counterterrorism’s “Area of
22 Focus”, with specific attention on the counterterrorism
23 threat to the homeland emanating from Iran’s growing
24 presence and influence in the Western Hemisphere.

