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Purpose: To require Congress to provide housing for America's veterans before funding special interest pork projects.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN

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- 1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. ____ . VETERANS HOUSING.**
- 3 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
- 4 “Housing for Heroes Act of 2008”.
- 5 (b) AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY TO REPROGRAM
- 6 FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the

1 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may repro-
2 gram any funds appropriated or otherwise made available
3 under this or any other Act for the Department of Hous-
4 ing and Urban Development that are intended to be used
5 for any congressionally directed spending item to provide
6 housing assistance to veterans of the Armed Forces who
7 are eligible for housing assistance under the laws adminis-
8 tered by the Secretary.

9 (c) REPORT OF THE SECRETARY ON VETERANS
10 HOUSING.—Prior to September 30 of each fiscal year be-
11 ginning with fiscal year 2008, the Secretary of Housing
12 and Urban Development shall report annually to Congress
13 and make available on its public Internet website a de-
14 scription of:

15 (1) The total number of veterans of the Armed
16 Forces who sought housing assistance under any law
17 administered by the Secretary in the preceding 12
18 months.

19 (2) The total number of veterans of the Armed
20 Forces who received any such housing assistance in
21 the preceding 12 months.

22 (3) The total number of veterans of the Armed
23 Forces who did not receive such housing assistance
24 due to a lack of funding in the preceding 12 months.

1 (4) The total number of section 8 vouchers ap-
2 plied for by veterans of the Armed Forces

3 (5) The total number of section 8 vouchers pro-
4 vided to veterans of the Armed Forces who were eli-
5 gible for such vouchers.

6 (6) The total number of section 8 vouchers that
7 could not be provided to veterans of the Armed
8 Forces who were determined eligible for such vouch-
9 ers within 6 months of that veteran submitting an
10 application pursuant to section 8(o)(19) of the
11 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
12 1437f(o)(19) due to a lack of funding.

13 (7) The total number and cost of congression-
14 ally directed spending items in the annual budget of
15 the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
16 ment.

17 (8) The number and total amount of congress-
18 sionally directed spending items in the annual budg-
19 et of the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-
20 opment that have been reprogrammed to support
21 housing assistance for veterans of the Armed Forces.

22 (9) A listing of any congressionally directed
23 spending items for which funding was not repro-
24 grammed and an explanation for each why such
25 funds were not reprogrammed if there are any vet-

1 erans of the Armed Forces who are not receiving
2 housing assistance due to a lack of funding.

3 (d) CURRENT FUNDING.—For fiscal year 2008, the
4 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may repro-
5 gram any unobligated funds appropriated or otherwise
6 made available under any prior Act for the Department
7 of Housing and Urban Development that are intended to
8 be used for any congressionally directed spending item.

9 (e) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

10 (1) the term “congressionally directed spending
11 item” has the same meaning given that term under
12 section 521 of the Honest Leadership and Open
13 Government Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-81); and

14 (2) the term “section 8 voucher” means a
15 voucher available to eligible veterans under section
16 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
17 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)).