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To direct the Secretary of the Navy to establish a pilot program to offer plant-based protein options at forward operating bases for consumption by members of the Navy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. Slotkin introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Alternative Protein
- 5 Pilot Act".

1 SEC. 2. PLANT-BASED PROTEIN PILOT PROGRAM OF THE

- 2 NAVY.
- 3 (a) Establishment.—Not later than March 1,
- 4 2022, the Secretary of the Navy shall establish a pilot pro-
- 5 gram to offer plant-based protein options at forward oper-
- 6 ating bases for consumption by members of the Navy.
- 7 (b) LOCATIONS.—Not later than March 1, 2022, the
- 8 Secretary shall select not fewer than two naval facilities
- 9 to participate in the pilot program and shall prioritize fa-
- 10 cilities (such as Joint Region Marianas, Guam, Navy Sup-
- 11 port Facility, Diego Garcia, and U.S. Fleet Activities
- 12 Sasebo, Japan) where livestock-based protein options may
- 13 be costly to obtain or store.
- 14 (c) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in this Act
- 15 shall be construed to prevent offering livestock-based pro-
- 16 tein options alongside plant-based protein options at naval
- 17 facilities selected under subsection (b).
- 18 (d) Termination.—The pilot program established
- 19 under this section shall terminate three years after the
- 20 date on which the Secretary establishes such pilot pro-
- 21 gram.
- (e) Report.—Not later than one year after the ter-
- 23 mination of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit,
- 24 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
- 25 House of Representatives, a report on the pilot program.
- 26 Such report shall include the following elements:

1	(1) The consumption rate of plant-based pro-
2	tein options by members of the Navy under the pilot
3	program.
4	(2) A comparison of the costs of obtaining and
5	storing, at selected naval facilities—
6	(A) plant-based protein options; and
7	(B) storing livestock-based protein options.
8	(3) Effective criteria to increase plant-based
9	protein options at naval facilities other than those
10	selected under subsection (b).
11	(f) Plant-Based Protein Options Defined.—In
12	this Act, the term "plant-based protein options" means
13	edible proteins made from plants (such as vegetables,
14	beans, and legumes), fungi, or other non-animal sources.