

1 **SEC. 2. CHAIN OF COMMAND.**

2 (a) **SPECIFICATION OF CHAIN OF COMMAND.**—Section
3 124(c) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking
4 out paragraph (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 “(2) The national military chain of command runs from
6 the President to the Secretary and through the Chairman of
7 the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the combatant commands. Orders
8 to combatant commands shall be issued by the President or
9 the Secretary through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
10 Staff.

11 “(3) Subject to the authority, direction, and control of
12 the Secretary, the Chairman supervises the commanders of
13 the combatant commands and acts as their spokesman on
14 operational requirements.”.

15 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 142(c) of
16 such title is amended by inserting “, except as provided by
17 section 124(c) of this title, over” after “or” in the second
18 sentence.

19 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY FOR CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CHIEFS OF**
20 **STAFF TO PROVIDE MILITARY ADVICE.**

21 Section 142(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
22 amended—

23 (1) by striking out “and” at the end of clause (2);

24 (2) by striking out the period at the end of clause

25 (3); and