



**HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES
TERRY EVERETT, ALABAMA
CHAIRMAN**

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:
March 9, 2006

Contact: Josh Holly (HASC), 202-225-2539
Mike Lewis (Everett), 202-225-2901

Opening Statement of Terry Everett

Strategic Forces Subcommittee Hearing on the FY 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Missile Defense Agency and Ballistic Missile Defense Programs

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Strategic Forces Subcommittee meets today to receive testimony on the Department of Defense fiscal year 2007 budget request for Missile Defense Programs.

I will briefly comment that world events continue to highlight the security threats posed by the proliferation of missile technology and nuclear materials. The news concerning potential threats from Iran and North Korea is no better this year than last. As a member of both the House Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, I firmly believe that we have a responsibility to press forward with fielding those missile defense elements for our Nation's defense.

General Obering, I would like to highlight a few specific areas that I am interested in hearing about today:

- The impact of funding reductions for the FY 07-11 Missile Defense Agency program that were made late last year.
- I was very pleased with your response to the Independent Review Team's findings last year following several GMD test failures. I specifically commend you for standing up the Mission Readiness Task Force within MDA. I look forward to hearing your assessment of how MDA's test program is proceeding.

General Dodgen, I am specifically interested in hearing about the following:

- Your critical role as Joint Functional Component Commander for STRATCOM, including progress in developing Contingency Operations (CONOPS) for GMD.

- Your assessment of the operational readiness of our ground-based interceptor capability at Fort Greeley.

Mr. Duma, I know that your organization has been working very closely with MDA in developing criteria for operationally realistic testing. I look forward to hearing more about your assessment of MDA's test program.

Mr. Flory, I look forward to hearing your perspective on the ballistic missile threat to our country. I am also interested in your views on how we are doing in engaging our international partners in cooperative missile defense.

###

<http://armedservices.house.gov/>