

# STRENGTHENING STRATEGIC DETERRENCE, MISSILE DEFENSE, & SPACE CAPABILITIES



*The FY25 NDAA strengthens our nuclear posture, improves our missile defense, and accelerates delivery of space capabilities to deter the rapidly expanding Chinese and Russian nuclear arsenals and space capabilities.*

## Nuclear Deterrence

- Fully funds modernization of the nuclear triad, as well as the scientific infrastructure and nuclear command, control, and communications (NC3) architecture that support our nuclear deterrent.
- Invests in the nuclear sea-launched cruise missile (SLCM-N) to enhance regional deterrence and keep pace with growing Chinese and Russian nuclear threats.
- Fully funds the construction and advance procurement of the new Columbia class ballistic missile submarine and supports infrastructure improvements and workforce development in the submarine industrial base.
- Reorganizes DoD nuclear officials to consolidate and streamline oversight of the nuclear mission under a single Assistant Secretary of Defense.
- Prohibits DoD from reducing the number of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles below 400 or reducing the responsiveness or alert status of the arsenal.
- Limits the authority of the Biden administration to dismantle the B83-1 nuclear gravity bomb used to destroy hard and deeply buried targets.
- Limits the authority of the Biden administration to retire the W76-2 low-yield nuclear warhead until it certifies that China and Russia do not possess similar capabilities.
- Authorizes additional resources to accelerate the modernization of laboratory and production infrastructure necessary to restore lost nuclear weapons production capacity.

## Nuclear Security

- Prohibits the Biden administration from sharing information on our strategic nuclear forces with Russia unless Russia resumes sharing the same information with the United States.
- Prohibits the Biden administration from admitting Chinese, Russian, Iranian, and North Korean nationals to nuclear laboratories and related facilities.
- Requires DoD to brief Congress on efforts to improve cybersecurity of the nuclear command, control, and communications enterprise.

## Missile Defense

- Reverses the Biden administration's decision to cease production of the Standard Missile 3 Block IB interceptor for the Navy's Aegis missile defense system, which has played a key role in defending Israel from Iranian ballistic missile attacks.
- Prohibits the Biden administration from sharing sensitive missile defense information with China.
- Requires the establishment of a third continental missile defense site by 2030 to bolster defense of the homeland from long-range missile threats.
- Requires the Department to designate a senior official responsible for establishing a national integrated air and missile defense architecture for the United States.
- Authorizes full funding for bilateral U.S.-Israel cooperative missile defense programs.

## Space Capabilities

- Continues support for investments in innovative commercial space solutions that would increase our capacity and resiliency in space.
- Establishes a pilot program to demonstrate the ability to connect commercial and government systems in a hybrid space architecture.
- Establishes the Commercial Augmentation Space Reserve (CASR) to allow the Space Force to contract with the private sector to rapidly acquire space capabilities on an as-needed basis.

