

# OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY



**The FY25 NDAA increases oversight and requires accountability from the Biden administration.**

## **Ensuring the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Meets Performance Requirements**

- Prohibits production delivery acceptance of 20 F-35 aircraft until DoD certifies to Congress that it has implemented plans and corrective actions to resolve performance deficiencies across the F-35 program.
- Extends and expands annual GAO audits of the F-35 program.

## **Cracking Down on Contractor Waste**

- Cuts over \$3.9 billion in weapon programs that have not met development milestones or are experiencing excessive cost growth.
- Requires the Navy to certify to Congress that detailed design and related assessments are complete before initiating construction on new ships.
- Strengthens DoD's conflict of interest waiver process.
- Expands the existing Space Force contractor responsibility watch list authority to cover more types of contracts awarded to the private sector.
- Improves protections for whistleblowers who uncover DoD waste, fraud, and abuse.
- Reduces frivolous contractor protests by increasing the threshold for such protests and requiring DoD and GAO to reform the protest process.
- Clarifies contracting officers can rely on historical data of recent prices paid in determining whether the costs of a subcontract are fair and reasonable.

## **Enhancing Oversight and Accountability of DoD**

- Requires DoD to promptly notify Congress whenever the Secretary of Defense is unable to perform the functions and duties of the office and transfers them to the deputy secretary or other individual.
- Establishes a pilot program to allow peers and subordinates to assess candidates up for promotion to general officer.
- Imposes congressional oversight on any plans to reduce the size of the US Navy fleet.
- Requires DoD to designate a Performance Improvement Officer to ensure the Pentagon is meeting its strategic management goals.
- Fully funds DoD Office of Inspector General.
- Requires DoD to inform Members of Congress when military construction contract awards are made in their districts.
- Requires a quadrennial review of DOD biodefense policies, programs and strategies.
- Improves oversight of the Air Force's Sentinel program.
- Expands Congressional reporting requirements on Ford Class aircraft carrier cost growth.
- Fences funding for the Secretary of Defense until DoD provides Congress with a number of required reports.

