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Chairman Jackson, Ranking Member Crow, and distinguished members of the Subcommittee, thank you for the opportunity today to testify on the Fiscal Year 27 budget and the posture of the Defense Intelligence and Security Enterprise and its support of the 2026 National Defense Strategy.

As the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Security, I am honored and humbled to represent the men and women of the Defense Intelligence and Security Enterprise who serve our nation. I appear before you today alongside the Generals we entrust to lead our Combat Support Agencies. With President Trump's support, we have the right leaders for the moment.

In implementing the President's National Security Strategy, the NDS established the Department's strategic approach along four lines of effort. The Intelligence and Security Enterprise stands ready to support each:

- **Defend the Homeland** by investing in the intelligence capabilities necessary to detect and counter adversary threats in the Western Hemisphere; from countering narco-terrorists, to strategic defense, and to ensuring the DISE is postured to support all efforts to secure our borders.
- **Deter China in the Indo-Pacific** by funding survivable ISR capabilities, improving our targeting capability, and dramatically enhancing our collection in the theater. We also make necessary investments to ensure we can operate at the speed and scale needed in the Pacific.

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- **Increase burden-sharing** by leveraging established and emerging intelligence sharing relationships with our allies and partners to better coordinate our operations, activities, and resources, maximizing our return on investment and our ability to buy down shared risk.
- **Supercharge the U.S. Defense Industrial Base** by strengthening the integration of the intelligence and acquisition communities, enhancing intelligence and security capabilities to protect critical technologies and supply chains, and mitigate key security risks while transforming the security strategy.

To support these lines of effort, the Fiscal Year 27 President's Budget Request for the Department's Intelligence and Security mission leverages the combined resources of the Department of War and the National Intelligence Program. While many of the specifics are classified, I can share here that the DISE is making major investments in:

- Space-based ISR to meet the challenge of deterring China;
- Stabilizing and expanding permissive airborne ISR to support immediate and enduring Combatant Command requirements;
- Transforming the HUMINT Enterprise to operate in a world of Ubiquitous Technical Surveillance; and
- Investing in the Combat Support Agencies to accomplish the no-fail mission of adopting AI and leveraging our vast amounts of intelligence data to scale against all threats.

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To accomplish all these efforts and meet our mandate, I have found it necessary to ensure all Enterprise operations, activities, and investments support three foundational principles:

Realign the Enterprise to a new risk paradigm, we must effectively measure and assess *relative* risk for warfighters and policymakers. We must also ensure our posture is laser focused on supporting NDS priorities.

Secondly, to **Maximize Enterprise Effects from our current investments** will require the DISE to be outcome focused and exceptional at measuring ROI, to adequately inform opportunity costs. To achieve these effects demands we are all mission focused and apply an Enterprise lens to all our activities.

Lastly, we must aggressively **Modernize the Enterprise** to ensure we not only take care of today's warfighters, but also the warfighters of tomorrow. This will require new technologies, new ways of thinking, and the right workforce, aligned to the challenges we will collectively face in the future.

In conclusion, the Fiscal Year 27 President's Budget Request postures the DISE to begin the transformation needed to deliver the timely, accurate, and relevant intelligence and security our warfighters and policy makers need to successfully execute the NDS. The support and partnership of this Subcommittee will continue to be critical in achieving the President's vision of peace through strength. I thank you for the opportunity to testify today and I look forward to answering your questions here, and in our closed session.

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