

## REVITALIZING THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE

Over the last 30 years, America's defense industrial base has atrophied to the point where it can no longer support our warfighters in a sustained conflict. The FY26 NDAA provides DoW with new authorities and investment vehicles to revitalize and grow capacity in the defense industrial base.

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- Enables DoW to utilize its Industrial Base Fund to make long-overdue capacity investments in the defense industrial base, including investments in critical mineral mining and refining projects.
- Requires the Secretary of War to enter into multi-year procurement contracts for munitions and other high-demand systems to expand industrial capacity and deliver greater efficiency and cost savings for the taxpayer.
- Requires DoW to streamline the qualification and approval of parts made with advanced manufacturing methods such as 3D printing.
- Improves supply chain transparency and incentivizes contractors to assess and monitor their supply chains' strength against infiltration from China and other adversaries.
- Directs DoW to identify and eliminate regulatory barriers that discourage contractors from maintaining or expanding surge capacity.
- Establishes a collaborative forum for government, private-sector, academia, and non-profit entities to address parts obsolescence, supply chain fragility, and the urgent need to restore U.S. surge capacity.
- Creates a program to foster the maturation and expansion of robotic automation capabilities for munitions manufacturing.
- Requires DoW to establish a working group to examine the domestic small unmanned aircraft system (sUAS) industrial base and recommend investments or other actions to improve the domestic supplier base for sUAS systems and components.
- Requires the Pentagon to establish and maintain a security cooperation initiative to strengthen cooperation among the defense industrial bases of the United States and allied and partner countries in the Indo-Pacific region.