

# STRATEGIC DETERRENCE, MISSILE DEFENSE, & NATIONAL DEFENSE SPACE CAPABILITIES

## Strengthens Nuclear Deterrence:

- ★ Authorizes full funding for ongoing efforts to modernize the nuclear triad, as well as the scientific capabilities and nuclear command, control, and communications (NC3) architecture that support our nuclear deterrent.
- ★ Authorizes additional funding to accelerate key modernization activities, including the development of the next-generation Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) and the nuclear sea-launched cruise missile (SLCM-N).
- ★ Prohibits DoD from reducing the nation's ICBM fleet below 400 or reducing the responsiveness or alert status of the force.
- ★ Procures the 3rd Columbia Class Ballistic Missile Submarine to modernize the sea-launched leg of the nuclear deterrence triad.

***America's armed forces are sustaining submarines, missiles, and bombers longer than ever before, while the NNSA continues to operate in facilities that date back to the time of the Manhattan Project. Sustaining the nuclear triad is critical, but as China and other adversaries rapidly expand their own nuclear capabilities, modernization is necessary to meet the growing threat.***

## Improves the Department of Energy Nuclear Security Enterprise:

- ★ Establishes a new Rapid Capabilities Program within the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) to enhance the nuclear enterprise's ability to respond to growing nuclear threats from China and Russia.
- ★ Codifies the two-site strategy for restoring U.S. capabilities to produce plutonium pits.
- ★ Reallocates funding to support the continuation of ongoing NNSA construction projects.



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***The FY26 NDAA supports President Trump's Golden Dome for America initiative to defend the nation against hypersonic, ballistic, and cruise missile attacks; enhances America's nuclear deterrent; and accelerates delivery of space capabilities to deter the rapidly expanding Chinese and Russian nuclear arsenals and space capabilities.***

## **Builds the Golden Dome:**

- ★ Updates U.S. national missile defense policy to reflect the goals of President Trump's Golden Dome initiative.
- ★ Supports the Golden Dome's development by requiring DoD to submit a plan within one year to achieve the President's goals outlined in Executive Order 14186.
- ★ Authorizes additional funding for air and missile defense development and testing, including full funding for procurement of Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD), SM3-IIA, and Patriot missile defense systems.

## **Grows Space Capabilities:**

- ★ Supports the growth and development of Space Force Guardians to support the acquisition of highly technical and complicated space platforms that will be required by both the Space Force and the Joint Force to fight and win in space.
- ★ Establishes the tactical surveillance, reconnaissance, and tracking program (TacSRT) as a program of record to provide space products from commercial providers to combatant commands.
- ★ Allows DoD to use a commercial-style payment model for commercial satellite communication services, giving flexibility to military users and making more efficient use of scarce funds.

