



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

*The FY26 NDAA supports President Trump's Golden Dome for America initiative to defend the nation against hypersonic, ballistic, and cruise missile attacks. It enhances America's nuclear deterrent and accelerates the delivery of space capabilities to deter 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.
- Furthers Golden Dome's development by requiring DoW to submit a plan 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.
- Authorizes the Missile Defense Agency to partner with the Department of Transportation to recapitalize aging missile instrumentation and range safety vessels.

## **Grows Space Capabilities**

- Encourages 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.
- Supports the continued development of the Tactical Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and Tracking program (TacSRT) to provide combatant commands with space products from commercial providers.
- Allows DoW 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.

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## **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).
- Modernizes the sea-based leg of the nuclear deterrence triad by procuring the 3rd Columbia-class Ballistic Missile Submarine and providing block buy authorities for up to five ships.
- Prohibits DoW from reducing the nation's ICBM fleet below 400 or reducing the responsiveness or alert status of the force.
- Strengthens the Air Force's focus on nuclear operations by codifying the roles and responsibilities of the Air Force Global Strike Command.
- Further improves the effectiveness of DoW's management of nuclear activities by continuing to streamline and consolidate bureaucracy.

## **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.
- Enhances the Department of Energy's ability to protect nuclear laboratories and facilities from unmanned aerial systems.