



United States House of Representatives

## HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

FY20 NDAA As Reported

### Defense Policy With Democratic Principles

This first NDAA under the new Democratic majority secures a strong national defense built on democratic principles and advancing American values. The bill as reported out of committee underpins **a smart defense posture with a tough stance on Russia** and **continued collaboration with allies**, **eliminates wasteful spending**, **promotes a more inclusive military** by reinforcing the values of diversity, STEM and integration, and **solidifies Congress' oversight role** of defense programs and the authorization to use of military force.

## SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS

**Puts our men and women in uniform first, by authorizing:**

- **Funding for a 3.1% military pay raise;**
- **Tenant bill of rights**, protecting families in privatized military housing;
- **\$11.5 billion for military construction, family housing**, and prior BRAC clean up activities;
- Doubles reimbursement amounts for spouse licenses and certification programs to \$1,000;
- **Additional \$121.3 million to clean up perfluorinated (PFAS) chemicals** in drinking water on/near military bases;
- **Birth control parity** to eliminate all cost-sharing for any contraception services obtained through TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select;
- Access to **emergency contraception for sexual assault survivors** at military treatment facilities; and
- A **“safe-to-report” policy at military service academies**, which allows sexual assault victims to report sexual assault without fear of discipline for minor collateral misconduct.

## BUILDS STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE

- Authorizes the **most robust defense budget in history, at \$733 billion**, while **cutting \$17 billion in wasteful funding** for projects not included in DoD's original planning but later requested in the President's budget, such as \$7.2 billion in border wall funding.
- **Redirects \$8 billion from wasteful programs** to those that will get our troops and military families the equipment and support they need.
- **Reverses the Trump Administration's soft stance on Russia by:**
  - Authorizing \$6.5 billion for the **European Deterrence Initiative** and;
  - **Requiring briefings on Russian election interference** and strategies to counter interference efforts in 2020;
  - Requiring a strategy to respond to Russian aggression in the Black Sea; and
  - Supporting European security and verification measures against Russia by **prohibiting withdrawal from the Open Skies Treaty**.
- Requires **continued collaboration in Asia to contain North Korean threat** and prohibits troop reduction in South Korea below 28,000.
- Includes numerous provisions **requiring DOD to plan for and respond to the affects of climate change**.
- **Responsibly establishes a Space Corps consistent with Democratic priorities, not POTUS requests:** protects civilian DoD employees, prevents wasteful overhead growth, and ensures DoD space activities are improved.





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### PROMOTES OUR VALUES

- **Prevents the President from diverting Defense funding to pay for unnecessary border wall.**
- **Prohibits funding for the deployment of new, low-yield nuclear missile warheads.**
- **Accelerates closure of Guantanamo Bay detention facility:** prohibits new detainees & allows transfer of detainees to secure facilities in the United States.
- **Protects DoD against cyber threats;** assess supply chain risks in telecoms policies, services & equipment.
- **Reforms acquisition policies** with an increased emphasis on the software and personnel required to make acquisition efficient and cost-effective.
- **Prohibits the transfer of an F-35 aircraft to Turkey** unless they stop acquisition of the Russian S-400 air defense system.
- Maintains mechanism for DoD to make payments for damage, personal injury, or death that may be the result of the US combat operations in certain countries.

### CREATES A MORE INCLUSIVE MILITARY

**Builds a defense enterprise that reflects our Democratic values, by requiring:**

- A **diversity and inclusion strategy** from DoD to ensure minorities are more fully represented in the officer corps;
- DoD to update the workplace and equal opportunity & workplace and gender relations surveys **to include experiences with supremacist activity, extremist activity, or racism;**
- DoD to review all pertinent forms for racially insensitive terms and develop a modernization plan to address these issues;
- The Marine Corps to **gender integrate** basic training.

### ENSURES OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY

- **Implements strong Congressional oversight over the use of the military**
  - Identifies legal and policy frameworks associated with each military engagement
  - Restricts military taskings with adverse readiness impacts (like the SW Border)
  - Includes stricter Congressional oversight of U.S. military activity in Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan.
- **Updates DoD reporting requirements regarding civilian casualties** reinforcing that our military operations are consistent with our values.
- Requires an annual audit **to help identify waste** in DoD and requires DoD to submit a plan for achieving an unmodified audit opinion within five years.
- **Empowers contracting officers** to get data needed to stop future price gouging by defense contractors with sole-source contracts.
- **Includes aggressive oversight provisions** regarding the cost and schedule of future upgrades to the F-15, F-35, and the future Air Force One.
- **Supports competition** in DoD space launch programs

