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At the end of subtitle B of title XXXI, add the following new section:

SEC. 31. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ABILITY AND RIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONDUCT A NUCLEAR TEST.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the United States must reserve the ability and right to conduct a nuclear test if the United States judges that the safety or reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile of the United States cannot otherwise be assured with the necessary high degree of confidence; and

(2) a prohibition on funding to conduct or make preparations for any explosive nuclear weapons test that produces any yield would cause grave harm to the security of the United States by—

(A) prohibiting a test in the event of a potential stockpile failure, thereby undermining the credibility of the nuclear deterrent of the United States;
(B) sending a dangerous message to the adversaries of the United States that are or may be conducting low-yield nuclear tests; and 

(C) arbitrarily and unilaterally restraining the United States, which uses the nuclear umbrella to help ensure freedom and stability.