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Offered by Mr. Smith of Washington

At the end of subtitle D of title XVI, add the following new section:

SEC. 16. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR GROUND-BASED STRATEGIC DETERRENT.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2020 for the ground-based strategic deterrent may be obligated or expended until—

(1) the Secretary of Defense certifies in writing to the congressional defense committees that the acquisition strategy for the ground-based strategic deterrent—

(A) will result in the best value for the United States Government;

(B) ensures that the technical capabilities of the defense industrial base are maximized to effectively respond to current and emerging threats;
(C) optimizes the use of national expertise and cleared personnel within both the United States Government and industry; and

(D) considers the use of a national team similar to other successful strategic programs of the Department of Defense or specific alternatives to ensure competition and value for the United States Government; and

(2) a period of 60 days elapses following the date of such certification.