

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-
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OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title XVI add the following new sub-
title:

1 **Subtitle _____—Ballistic Missiles**
2 **SEC. 16____. STATEMENT OF POLICY ON SERVICE LIFE OF**
3 **MINUTEMAN III INTERCONTINENTAL BAL-**
4 **LISTIC MISSILES AND PAUSE IN DEVELOP-**
5 **MENT OF THE SENTINEL PROGRAM**
6 **(GROUND-BASED STRATEGIC DETERRENT**
7 **PROGRAM).**

8 It is the policy of the United States that—
9 (1) the operational life of the Minuteman III
10 intercontinental ballistic missiles shall be safely ex-
11 tended until at least 2040; and
12 (2) the research, development, testing, and eval-
13 uation of the Sentinel program shall be paused until
14 2031.

1 **SEC. 16 ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR SEN-**
2 **TINEL PROGRAM AND W87-1 WARHEAD MODI-**
3 **FICATION PROGRAM.**

4 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
5 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024
6 for the Department or Defense or the National Nuclear
7 Security Administration may be obligated or expended for
8 the Sentinel program (including with respect to supporting
9 infrastructure) or the W87-1 warhead modification pro-
10 gram.

11 **SEC. 16 ____ . LIFE EXTENSION OF MINUTEMAN III INTER-**
12 **CONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES.**

13 (a) LIFE EXTENSION PROGRAM.—Beginning not
14 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
15 this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall commence efforts
16 for a life extension program of Minuteman III interconti-
17 nental ballistic missiles to extend the life of such missiles
18 to 2040.

19 (b) ELEMENTS OF PROGRAM.—In carrying out the
20 life extension program under subsection (a), the Secretary
21 shall ensure the following:

22 (1) The program will incorporate new and nec-
23 essary technologies that could also be incorporated
24 in the future Sentinel program, including with re-
25 spect to technologies that—

1 (A) increase the resilience against adver-
2 sary missile defenses; and

3 (B) incorporate new nuclear command,
4 control, and communications systems.

5 (2) The program will use nondestructive testing
6 methods and technologies similar to the testing
7 methods used by the Navy for Trident II D5 sub-
8 marine launched ballistic missiles to reduce destruc-
9 tive testing.

