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At the end of title XVI add the following new subtitle:

Subtitle ___—Ballistic Missiles

SEC. 16___. STATEMENT OF POLICY ON SERVICE LIFE OF MINUTEMAN III INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES AND PAUSE IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE SENTINEL PROGRAM (GROUND-BASED STRATEGIC DETERRENT PROGRAM).

It is the policy of the United States that—

(1) the operational life of the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles shall be safely extended until at least 2040; and

(2) the research, development, testing, and evaluation of the Sentinel program shall be paused until 2031.
SEC. 16. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR SENTINEL PROGRAM AND W87–1 WARHEAD MODIFICATION PROGRAM.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Defense or the National Nuclear Security Administration may be obligated or expended for the Sentinel program (including with respect to supporting infrastructure) or the W87–1 warhead modification program.

SEC. 16. LIFE EXTENSION OF MINUTEMAN III INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES.

(a) LIFE EXTENSION PROGRAM.—Beginning not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall commence efforts for a life extension program of Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles to extend the life of such missiles to 2040.

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

(1) The program will incorporate new and necessary technologies that could also be incorporated in the future Sentinel program, including with respect to technologies that—
(A) increase the resilience against adversary missile defenses; and

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

(2) The program will use nondestructive testing methods and technologies similar to the testing methods used by the Navy for Trident II D5 submarine launched ballistic missiles to reduce destructive testing.