

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the appropriate place in subtitle D of title XVI,
insert the following:

1 **SEC. 16___. SPACE-BASED MISSILE DEFENSE STRATEGY;**
2 **UPDATES TO CERTAIN ASSET LISTS OF THE**
3 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The People’s Republic of China and the
6 Russian Federation are aggressively developing long-
7 range cruise and hypersonic missiles capable of
8 striking the United States mainland with conven-
9 tional warheads.

10 (2) China’s advancements in hypersonic tech-
11 nology, including maneuverable warheads, pose a di-
12 rect threat to critical U.S. infrastructure and popu-
13 lation centers.

14 (3) Russia has demonstrated operational long-
15 range missile systems, such as the Kinzhal and
16 Zircon, which can target any location in the United
17 States with minimal warning.

1 (4) Both nations are integrating advanced guid-
2 ance systems and payloads to enhance the precision
3 and lethality of their missile arsenals, increasing the
4 risk to U.S. homeland security.

5 (5) The proliferation of these missile tech-
6 nologies necessitates a robust, layered defense archi-
7 tecture to protect the U.S. homeland and forward-
8 deployed forces.

9 (6) Space-based detection and engagement sys-
10 tems offer a strategic advantage in countering these
11 threats, providing global coverage and rapid re-
12 sponse capabilities.

13 (b) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
14 Congress that the development of an “Iron Dome for
15 America” system to protect against ballistic, hypersonic,
16 and cruise missile threats, prioritizing integration with ex-
17 isting missile defense frameworks and leveraging advanced
18 technologies, including space-based systems is critical to
19 U.S. national security.

20 (c) UPDATE OF CRITICAL ASSET LIST.—

21 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days
22 after the enactment of this section, the Secretary of
23 Defense shall update the Critical Asset List to incor-
24 porate assets critical to the development, deploy-

1 ment, and operation of the Golden Dome missile de-
2 fense system.

3 (2) CONTENTS.—The updated Critical Asset
4 List shall include the following:

5 (A) Space-based sensor and interceptor
6 systems, including associated ground control
7 stations.

8 (B) Ground-based missile defense facilities,
9 including those in Alaska, Florida, Georgia, and
10 Indiana, as identified in the Golden Dome ar-
11 chitecture.

12 (C) Critical infrastructure supporting com-
13 mand, control, communications, computers, in-
14 telligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance for
15 Golden Dome operations.

16 (D) Other assets deemed essential to the
17 National Defense Strategy and the Golden
18 Dome initiative's mission to protect the United
19 States from missile threats.

20 (d) SYNCHRONIZATION OF DEFENDED ASSET
21 LIST.—

22 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Concurrent with the up-
23 date to the Critical Asset List under subsection (b),
24 the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the
25 joint force commanders, shall revise the Defended

1 Asset List to ensure alignment with the updated
2 Critical Asset List and the operational requirements
3 of the Golden Dome missile defense system.

4 (2) PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA.—The Defended
5 Asset List shall prioritize assets based on:

6 (A) the extent to which the asset is critical
7 to Golden Dome’s mission to intercept ballistic,
8 hypersonic, and cruise missiles;

9 (B) threat assessments identifying
10 vulnerabilities to missile attacks from near-peer
11 adversaries; and

12 (C) the availability of defensive resources,
13 including Patriot systems, Aegis Ballistic Mis-
14 sile Defense, and space-based interceptors.

15 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

16 (1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 270 days
17 after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
18 fense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
19 mittees a report that includes—

20 (A) the updated Critical Asset List, includ-
21 ing a description of assets added or modified to
22 support the Golden Dome initiative;

23 (B) the revised Defended Asset List, in-
24 cluding prioritization criteria and resource allo-
25 cation plans;

1 (C) a strategy for protecting Golden
2 Dome-related assets from missile threats, in-
3 cluding timelines for deployment of defensive
4 systems; and

5 (D) an assessment of risks to Golden
6 Dome assets and mitigation measures, includ-
7 ing cybersecurity and supply chain security con-
8 siderations.

9 (2) FORM.—The report shall be submitted in
10 unclassified form but may include a classified annex.

11 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) The term “Critical Asset List” refers to the
13 prioritized list of assets as defined under Depart-
14 ment of Defense Directive 3020.40.

15 (2) The term “Defended Asset List” refers to
16 the subset of assets from the Critical Asset List as
17 outlined in Joint Publication 3-01 (Countering Air
18 and Missile Threats).

19 (3) The term “Golden Dome” refers to the na-
20 tional ballistic, hypersonic, and cruise missile de-
21 fense system required by Executive Order (EO)
22 14186 (January 27, 2025), encompassing space-
23 based sensors, interceptors, and ground-based de-
24 fense systems.

