

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

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 United States infrastructure
13 and population 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) China publicly debuted the DF-61 ICBM
2 and several other ICBMs capable of targeting the
3 United States homeland at a military parade in Sep-
4 tember 2025, showcasing a rapid military buildup of
5 its military hardware.

6 (5) Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian
7 President Vladimir Putin, Iranian President Masoud
8 Pezeshkian, and North Korea's Kim Jong-Un at-
9 tended the military parade in Tiananmen Square,
10 signaling an increased security cooperation among
11 these countries.

12 (6) China and Russia are also both integrating
13 advanced guidance systems and payloads to enhance
14 the precision and lethality of their missile arsenals,
15 increasing the risk to United States homeland secu-
16 rity.

17 (7) The proliferation of these missile tech-
18 nologies necessitates a robust, layered defense archi-
19 tecture to protect the United States homeland and
20 forward-deployed forces.

21 (8) To achieve this architecture, it is necessary
22 to design and procure a new system mixing detection
23 and tracking satellites, sensor-equipped dirigibles,
24 and long-range ground-based radars to detect and
25 track threats. This network of sensors must be fused

1 with a network of mostly space-based engagement
2 systems to intercept and destroy missiles.

3 (9) A rapid deployment of these space-based de-
4 tection and engagement systems through and from
5 the space domain will make a comprehensive space-
6 based missile defense of the homeland and forward-
7 deployed forces both operationally feasible and eco-
8 nomically viable.

9 (b) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
10 Congress that the development of the next-generation air
11 and missile defense architecture pursuant to Executive
12 Order 14186 (90 Fed. Reg. 8767) to protect against bal-
13 listic, hypersonic, and cruise missile threats, prioritizing
14 integration with existing missile defense frameworks and
15 leveraging advanced technologies, including space-based
16 systems, is critical to the national security of the United
17 States.

18 (c) UPDATE OF CRITICAL ASSET LIST.—

19 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
21 retary of Defense shall update the Critical Asset
22 List to incorporate assets critical to the develop-
23 ment, deployment, and operation of the next-genera-
24 tion air and missile defense architecture developed

1 pursuant to Executive Order 14186 (90 Fed. Reg.
2 8767).

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 next-generation air
11 and missile defense architecture.

12 (C) Critical infrastructure supporting com-
13 mand, control, communications, computers, in-
14 telligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance for
15 the operations of the next-generation air and
16 missile defense architecture.

17 (D) Other assets deemed essential to the
18 National Defense Strategy and the mission of
19 the next-generation air and missile defense ar-
20 chitecture to protect the United States from
21 missile threats.

22 (d) SYNCHRONIZATION OF DEFENDED ASSET
23 LIST.—

24 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Concurrent with the up-
25 date to the Critical Asset List under subsection (c),

1 the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the
2 joint force commanders, shall revise the Defended
3 Asset List to ensure alignment with the updated
4 Critical Asset List and the operational requirements
5 of the next-generation air and missile defense archi-
6 tecture.

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

9 (A) the extent to which the asset is critical
10 to the mission of the next-generation air and
11 missile defense architecture to intercept bal-
12 listic, hypersonic, and cruise missiles;

13 (B) threat assessments identifying
14 vulnerabilities to missile attacks from near-peer
15 adversaries; and

16 (C) the availability of defensive resources,
17 including Patriot systems, Aegis Ballistic Mis-
18 sile Defense, and space-based interceptors.

19 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

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

24 (A) the updated Critical Asset List, includ-
25 ing a description of assets added or modified to

1 support the next-generation air and missile de-
2 fense architecture;

3 (B) the revised Defended Asset List, in-
4 cluding prioritization criteria and resource allo-
5 cation plans;

6 (C) a strategy for protecting assets relat-
7 ing to the next-generation air and missile de-
8 fense architecture from missile threats, includ-
9 ing timelines for deployment of defensive sys-
10 tems; and

11 (D) an assessment of risks to such assets
12 and mitigation measures, including cybersecu-
13 rity and supply chain security considerations.

14 (2) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1)
15 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
16 clude a classified annex.

17 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) The term “Critical Asset List” means the
19 prioritized list of assets as defined under Depart-
20 ment of Defense Directive 3020.40.

21 (2) The term “Defended Asset List” means the
22 subset of assets from the Critical Asset List as out-
23 lined in Joint Publication 3-01 (Countering Air and
24 Missile Threats).

