

Amendment to H.R. 5515
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019

Offered by: Mr. Garamendi

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 5515, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Report on Minuteman III Sustainment

The United States currently deploys 400 Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles, which have a current service life through 2030. The Committee understands and supports the need to replace these missiles and notes that the Ground-Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) program has an estimated total acquisition cost of \$62 billion (in then-year dollars) according to the Air Force in 2015, and at least \$85 billion (in then-year dollars) according to the Department of Defense's Office of Cost Assessment and Evaluation (CAPE). To complement the plan to replace the Minuteman III missiles, the Committee seeks further information about the sustainability of the existing Minuteman III force beyond its currently planned retirement.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives by March 1, 2019, on the sustainability of the Minuteman III weapons system. The report shall include:

- (1) An evaluation of the feasibility, risks, benefits, costs, and potential cost savings, if any, to life-extend Minuteman III missiles to 2045.