Statement from Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Ala.) on his priorities on the House Armed Services Committee:

"A strong U.S. military is the only way to secure a free future for Americans. To protect our homeland and our way of life, we must make critical investments in our military.

"A key investment will be boosting the production of weapons and platforms – especially long-range fires and shipbuilding. We also need to prioritize the development of new technologies to ensure our warfighters have the most advanced tools at their disposal.

"As we look at China's nuclear breakout, we must come to grips with what it means to deter two nearpeer nuclear adversaries at the same time. This will drive sustained investment in nuclear delivery platforms and an aging NNSA complex.

"These efforts will depend on recruiting and keeping sharp minds and strong leaders. We must ensure that our all-volunteer force is competitive with the private sector as a career: that means improving the quality of life for enlisted servicemembers and their families."