



THE National Defense Authorization ACT

The FY22 National Defense Authorization Act continues a six-decade-long tradition of bipartisanship—putting the security of our country and the well-being of our troops and their families above all else.

- 1. Gives our military the resources needed to deter and, if necessary, decisively defeat our enemies:** Increases funding for national defense by \$25 billion above President Biden's inadequate request, bringing the total funding authorized for the Department of Defense and nuclear weapons activities at the Department of Energy to \$777.7 billion.
- 2. Takes care of our troops:** Ensures our troops and Department of Defense civilian workforce receive a well-deserved 2.7 percent pay raise; makes necessary improvements to military health care; continues efforts to guarantee military spouses have access to meaningful employment; provides service members with dedicated bereavement leave; includes historic reform to how the military investigates and prosecutes certain offenses, including sexual assault and murder, including by establishing a new office of special trial counsel; ensures military families have access to high-quality housing; and prohibits service members from being dishonorably discharged for refusing to get the COVID-19 vaccine.
- 3. Pushes back on China:** Prioritizes the Indo-Pacific by realigning and prioritizing the new Pacific Deterrence Initiative to support and improve the current posture, capabilities, and activities of U.S. forces in the region; adds nearly \$500 million for unfunded requirements identified by the Commander of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; addresses threats posed by the information warfare space and deters foreign malign influence; enhances the Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Initiative; focuses attention on Taiwan defense cooperation, including asymmetric military capabilities; requires assessment of current and emerging offensive capabilities of China and other adversaries; hardens our defense industrial base and supply chain against threats posed by China and reduces Chinese involvement in the DOD acquisition programs through restrictions on: personally protective equipment, printed circuit boards, procurements from the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, and employment of individuals in China; accelerates research and development of as well as comparative analysis of key modernization technologies at the heart of strategic competition with China; and requires the President to develop a grand strategy with respect to China.

- 4. Maintains America's military supremacy across all domains:** Ensures the Armed Forces is able to continue building its fleets to the sizes our commanders need, including adding more than \$4.7 billion (20%) for shipbuilding above the President's budget request, with funding for five additional battle force ships; focuses on next-generation procurement; maintains enduring capabilities; and provides the largest investment in military construction in a decade nearly \$3.5 billion (35%) more than the president requested.
- 5. Enhances our nuclear deterrent:** Fully funds needed investments in nuclear modernization and maintenance of NNSA facilities to keep our stockpiles safe; reiterates bipartisan support our nuclear forces the cornerstone of our national defense; emphasizes the importance of the Ground-Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD); and strengthens the Nuclear Posture Review.
- 6. Bolsters our allies and partners:** Provides key support for Taiwan, Ukraine, Israel, Afghan civilians and translators who supported U.S. counterterrorism efforts, and other critical partners that advance shared security objectives; and includes hundreds of millions of dollars for exercises and interoperability with allies and partners—investments neglected in the Biden administration's budget.
- 7. Rejects Russian aggression:** As Russia menaces Ukraine and the region, authorizes an increase of \$50 million for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative, providing a total of \$300 million, including \$75 million for lethal military aid; continues to limit military cooperation between the U.S. and Russia; and supports other key alliances like NATO and our partners in the region that are most threatened by Putin's menacing actions.
- 8. Accelerates innovation:** Invests in defense technology that will put us ahead of our competitors, including microelectronics, artificial intelligence, 5G, hypersonic weapons, and directed energy; and provides tailored acquisition authorities focused on transitioning technologies faster.
- 9. Prioritizes cybersecurity:** Fully funds CYBERCOM; protects against persistent cyberattacks by assessing and strengthening both offensive and defensive capabilities; and creates a whole-of-government public-private partnership to detect and disrupt our adversaries' cyber operations.
- 10. Provides accountability for Afghanistan:** Establishes a commission to study U.S. involvement in Afghanistan and requires recommendations and lessons learned; enhances oversight through quarterly security briefings from DOD's top policy official; and prohibits the transfer of DOD funds and resources to the Taliban.
- 11. Rejects the worst partisan progressive provisions:** Ensures DOD focuses on fighting real threats from foreign external adversaries, not culture wars; protects long-standing provisions regarding Naval Station Guantanamo Bay; protects the sanctity of life and Second Amendment rights; and rejects attempts to turn DOD into the diversity police.