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## STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

### H.R. 4016 — Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2026 (Rep. Calvert, R-CA)

The Administration appreciates the investments made in the Nation's military in H.R. 4016, which makes appropriations for the Department of Defense (DOD) for the fiscal year (FY) ending September 30, 2026 and for other purposes.

The Administration welcomes the House's consideration of individual appropriations bills, and looks forward to working with the Congress to enact fiscally responsible legislation that focuses funding on critical responsibilities, like American military dominance.

Providing robust resources to our Nation's warfighters is a top priority for the Administration. The Administration appreciates the bill's provision of \$831 billion in discretionary funding for DOD, which is effectively in line with the President's FY 2026 discretionary request and acknowledges the resources recently provided in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and looks forward to continuing to work with the Congress to properly fund our Nation's military.

The Administration would like to share additional views regarding the House Appropriations Committee's (Committee) version of the bill.

#### Department of Defense (DOD)

The President requested \$962 billion in funding for DOD—the largest peacetime increase in the defense topline since the Reagan Administration—in the FY 2026 Budget, which includes both discretionary appropriations and mandatory funding in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). The Administration is appreciative of the Committee's prompt action on the FY 2026 Budget request and the Congress's approval of the OBBBA.

Many of the Administration's highest defense priorities span both the discretionary and mandatory elements of the FY 2026 Budget request. These include investments in improving the Nation's warfighters' quality of life, sealing our Nation's border, delivering the Golden Dome next-generation missile defense shield and other key strategic military capabilities, revitalizing the U.S. fleet and shipbuilding industrial base, and more.

The Administration urges the Congress to account for both elements of the FY 2026 Budget Request in a holistic fashion as requested by the President. The Administration looks forward to working with the Congress to ensure that the final enacted versions of

the FY 2026 appropriations acts and OBBBA complement one another and advance the President's policy of peace through strength as the Administration rebuilds the Nation's military, protects the Nation's borders, and defends the American people.

***Resource Alignment.*** The Administration greatly appreciates the Committee's overall topline amount. However, there are areas where the Committee has a significantly different alignment of those resources, notably in the Operation and Maintenance, Procurement, and Military Personnel accounts. Further, the bill does not account for the expected military personnel cost increases built into the FY 2026 Budget request. While the bill fully funds the military pay raise, it does not fully account for the increased success in recruiting under President Trump which will boost FY 2026 end strength levels. The bill also does not account for Space Force's growth, related to it being a new Branch and the growth needed to support key Administration priorities. The Administration looks forward to working with the Congress to add back an additional \$5.6 billion to the Military Personnel Account. This would fully fund the FY 2026 Military Personnel request and support America's warfighters and their families.

The bill contains over \$10 billion in reductions to the Service Operation and Maintenance accounts, which may limit readiness and impede meeting sustainment requirements and operational needs. The Administration looks forward to working with the Congress to align the resources, including \$30 billion DOD identified in efficiency savings, to the programs and accounts where they would best address DOD's needs for FY 2026.

*F/A-XX.* The Administration appreciates the Committee's commitment to fielding timely sixth generation fighter aircraft. However, the Administration strongly supports reevaluating the F/A-XX program due to industrial base concerns of two sixth-generation programs occurring simultaneously. Awarding the F/A-XX contract as written is likely to delay the higher-priority F-47 program, with low likelihood of improving the timeline to field a Navy sixth generation fighter. The Administration looks forward to working with the Congress to identify an optimal path forward.

*E-7.* The Administration appreciates the Committee's funding for additional E-2D aircraft. The Administration views those aircraft as cost-effective risk mitigations related to its decision to cancel the E-7 program. The Administration supports cancelling the E-7 due to the platform's significant cost—\$2.6 billion for the first two planes; survivability concerns in a peer conflict; and DOD's significant investments in space-based targeting and beyond line-of-sight communications, which would subsume a large portion of the E-7 mission. The Administration looks forward to working with the Congress to address any concerns.

*Taiwan Security Cooperation Initiative (TSCI).* The Administration appreciates the Committee's inclusion of \$500 million for TSCI in the bill. This funding assistance is critical to enabling DOD's efforts to strengthen Taiwan's self-defense capabilities. The Administration strongly urges full consideration of the FY 2026 Budget request of \$1 billion for TSCI as Taiwan's ability to credibly defend itself is vital for deterrence in the Indo-Pacific and important for safeguarding United States personnel in the event of a contingency.

### Constitutional Concerns

Section 8065 of the bill raises separation of powers concerns, including by conditioning the Executive authority to take certain actions on receiving the approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. The Administration looks forward to working with the Congress to address these constitutional concerns.

The Administration looks forward to working with the Congress to provide more input as the bill's legislative process unfolds.

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