

Rep. Richard Hanna FY14 NDAA HASC testimony – May 8, 2013

Good Afternoon,

Thank you Chairman McKeon, Ranking Member Smith, and members of the Committee for this opportunity and for your bipartisan support of our armed forces.

I come before you today to formally request the Committee's support for programs of monumental value to our nation's modern defense capabilities as you prepare the Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Act.

Specifically, I request that the Committee support the President's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request for the Air Force's Dominant Information Sciences and Methods program and the Air Force's Battlespace Knowledge Development and Demonstration program.

These programs fulfill an essential mission that is critical to our national defense and our information management. The work completed by this funding is vital to developing and maintaining our defensive and offensive capabilities in the cyber security realm. In order to preserve secure networks and the technologies that allow us to deter enemy attacks against our systems, adequate funding of these programs is essential.

Equally important, these programs provide crucial services for our service's advanced communications, battlefield command and control, and intelligence exploitation abilities. As our services work to become more efficient and unified, these assets are central to the establishment of joint operations.

I believe the funding levels laid out in the President's Budget Request acknowledge the critical nature of these important programs. The technologies that are developed and demonstrated through this funding are essential to our continued 21st century national defense priorities. Their importance is clearly recognized by those who utilize the technologies and practices developed under these programs: including the services of the Defense Department, the intelligence community, and other federal agencies.

Therefore, I would like to formally ask my colleagues on this Committee to at least maintain the President's recommended funding levels for both of these programs within the Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Act.

Thank you for your consideration and your time.