

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670**

**OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA**

At the appropriate place in title XVI, insert the following new subtitle:

1       **Subtitle \_\_\_\_\_ —Ballistic Missiles**

2       **SEC. 16\_\_\_. STATEMENT OF POLICY ON SERVICE LIFE OF**  
3                   **MINUTEMAN III INTERCONTINENTAL BAL-**  
4                   **LISTIC MISSILES AND PAUSE IN DEVELOP-**  
5                   **MENT OF THE SENTINEL PROGRAM**  
6                   **(GROUND-BASED STRATEGIC DETERRENT**  
7                   **PROGRAM).**

8       It is the policy of the United States that—

9           (1) the operational life of the Minuteman III  
10          intercontinental ballistic missiles shall be safely ex-  
11          tended until at least 2040; and

12          (2) the research, development, testing, and eval-  
13          uation of the Sentinel program shall be paused until  
14          2031.

15       **SEC. 16\_\_\_. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR SEN-**  
16                   **TINEL PROGRAM AND W87-1 WARHEAD MODI-**  
17                   **FICATION PROGRAM.**

18       None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by  
19       this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024

1 for the Department of Defense or the National Nuclear  
2 Security Administration may be obligated or expended for  
3 the Sentinel program (including with respect to supporting  
4 infrastructure) or the W87-1 warhead modification pro-  
5 gram.

6 **SEC. 16 \_\_\_\_ . LIFE EXTENSION OF MINUTEMAN III INTER-**  
7 **CONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES.**

8 (a) LIFE EXTENSION PROGRAM.—Beginning not  
9 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of  
10 this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall commence efforts  
11 for a life extension program of Minuteman III interconti-  
12 nental ballistic missiles to extend the life of such missiles  
13 to 2040.

14 (b) ELEMENTS OF PROGRAM.—In carrying out the  
15 life extension program under subsection (a), the Secretary  
16 shall ensure the following:

17 (1) The program will incorporate new and nec-  
18 essary technologies that could also be incorporated  
19 in the future Sentinel program, including with re-  
20 spect to technologies that—

21 (A) increase the resilience against adver-  
22 sary missile defenses; and

23 (B) incorporate new nuclear command,  
24 control, and communications systems.

1           (2) The program will use nondestructive testing  
2           methods and technologies similar to the testing  
3           methods used by the Navy for Trident II D5 sub-  
4           marine launched ballistic missiles to reduce destruc-  
5           tive testing.

