

Remarks as prepared for Mr. Dustin Gard-Weiss,  
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Chairman Jackson, Ranking Member Crow, and distinguished members of the Subcommittee, it is a privilege to appear before you along with my colleagues to testify on the current posture of the Defense Intelligence and Security Enterprise to confront the array of global threats and challenges facing the United States and our allies and partners.

The intelligence and security experts across the Department of Defense work tirelessly to collect, analyze, and address current and future threats in support of the President's priority to achieve Peace through Strength. These experts comprise the Enterprise that provides intelligence-informed insights and options to the Secretary of Defense in support of the Secretary's priorities of Restoring the Warrior Ethos, Rebuilding the Military, and Reestablishing Deterrence. To that end, the Military Intelligence Program (MIP) reflects the America First defense policy agenda and strategic priorities of the President and Secretary of Defense and is developed in close coordination with the Director of National Intelligence.

I am joined today by LTG William Hartman, Performing the Duties of the Director of the National Security Agency, and Lt Gen Jeffrey Kruse, the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency. They each will offer their perspectives on how the Defense Intelligence and Security Enterprise is aligned to support our warfighters and speak to the threats that our Enterprise must address.

Once it is released in the coming weeks, Congress will see how the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) MIP budget request reflects focused investment in capabilities and initiatives to position the Defense Intelligence and Security Enterprise to support the Secretary's three priority lines of effort as outlined in his guidance on the development of the 2025 National Defense Strategy:

- **Defend the Homeland** by providing intelligence support to seal our borders against illegal immigration and narcotics trafficking, advance America's interests in the

Western Hemisphere, and enable the Golden Dome, President Trump's next-generation missile shield.

- **Deter China in the Indo-Pacific** through a new generation of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities matched to the threat in support of combat-credible military forces in the Western Pacific.
- **Support increased burden-sharing** with allies and partners to maximize return on investment while ensuring America's interests always come first.

The MIP will emphasize rebuilding our military intelligence capabilities by reviving our defense industrial base, reforming acquisition processes including a greater focus on better informing DoD investments with intelligence, and rapidly fielding emerging technologies. It prioritizes investments in American workers and technology while maintaining strategic partnerships with key allies. The MIP will develop and retain critical intelligence capabilities domestically, focusing on American interests to maintain our position as the strongest and most lethal force in the world. I will also note that the MIP will reflect the Secretary's emphasis on strategic discipline and fiscal responsibility – including optimizing and aligning our workforce - and his commitment to passing a financial audit. These and other priorities reflect the Enterprise's continuing focus on providing decision advantage against near-peer competitors.

In summary, the MIP will support the Department's ability to execute its programs needed to address these global challenges. Your support is critical to achieving the President's vision of peace through strength and ensuring our intelligence capabilities remain second to none. I thank the Subcommittee for its leadership and support, and I look forward to answering your questions here, and in our closed session.