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Amendment to H.R. 1735 Offered by Mr. Franks of Arizona

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

1 SEC. 16 ____. BOOST PHASE DEFENSE SYSTEM.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall—
3 (1) prioritize technology investments in the De4 partment of Defense to support efforts by the Mis5 sile Defense Agency to develop and field a boost
6 phase defense system by fiscal year 2022;

7 (2) ensure that development and fielding of a
8 boost phase missile defense layer to the ballistic mis9 sile defense system supports multiple war fighter
10 missile defense requirements, including, specifically,
11 protection of the United States homeland and allies
12 of the United States against ballistic missiles, par13 ticularly in the boost phase;

(3) continue development and fielding of highenergy lasers and high-power microwave systems as
part of a layered architecture to defend ships and
theater bases against air and cruise missile strikes;
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(4) encourage collaboration among the military
 departments and the Defense Advanced Research
 Projects Agency with respect to high energy laser ef forts carried out in support of the Missile Defense
 Agency.

6 (b) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF BOOST7 PHASE MISSILE DEFENSE.—

8 (1) SENIOR LEVEL ADVISORY GROUP.—The Di-9 rector of the Missile Defense Agency shall establish 10 a senior level advisory group (consisting of individ-11 uals with expertise in industry, science, and Depart-12 ment of Defense program management) to rec-13 ommend to the Director promising technologies, in-14 cluding such technologies recommended by industry, 15 that the Director can evaluate for use as a boost phase missile defense layer. 16

17 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than May 1, 2016,
18 the Director shall provide to the congressional de19 fense committees a briefing on—

20 (A) the recommendations of the senior
21 level advisory group under paragraph (1);

(B) a plan for developing one or more programs of record for boost phase missile defense
systems; and

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(C) the views of the Director regarding

such recommendations and plan.

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