

**Amendment to H.R. 2810**  
**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018**

**Offered by: Mr. Franks**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2810, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Certification of Reusable Launch Vehicles for National Security Space Missions

The committee is aware of the recent successful re-launch of an Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle-class launch vehicle that had previously been used to deliver a payload to orbit. The potential to reuse launch vehicles for orbital space launch has the potential to significantly reduce the cost of space launch in the commercial sector and for national security space launches.

The committee believes that the Air Force should move rapidly evaluate how to leverage this commercial technology in order to meet national security space requirements. Reusability offers the potential to enable the Department of Defense to further lower the price of national security space launch.

The committee believes that the government should move rapidly to evaluate the use of reusable space launch vehicles. Accordingly, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than March 1, 2018 on the Department's plan to evaluate the risks, benefits, costs and potential cost-savings of the use of reusable launch vehicles for use in national security space missions.