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S. 3480

To prohibit the use of funds to reduce the nuclear forces of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HOEVEN introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

JANUARY 18, 2022

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

A BILL

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of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FUNDS TO RE-**
4 **DUCE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR FORCES.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to
6 be appropriated to the Department of Defense or the Na-
7 tional Nuclear Security Administration for any of fiscal

1 years 2022 through 2027 may be obligated or expended
2 to reduce—

3 (1) the total quantity of strategic delivery sys-
4 tems below the quantity of such systems as of Janu-
5 ary 1, 2021;

6 (2) the quantity of deployed or non-deployed
7 strategic delivery systems below the quantities de-
8 scribed as the “Final New START Treaty Force
9 Structure” in the plan on the implementation of the
10 New START Treaty required by section 1042 of the
11 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
12 2012 (Public Law 112–81; 125 Stat. 1575); or

13 (3) the size of the nuclear weapons stockpile
14 below the size of the stockpile as of January 1,
15 2021.

16 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibition under subsection
17 (a) does not apply to—

18 (1) reductions made to ensure the safety, secu-
19 rity, reliability, and credibility of the nuclear weap-
20 ons stockpile and strategic delivery systems, includ-
21 ing activities related to surveillance, assessment, cer-
22 tification, testing, and maintenance of nuclear weap-
23 ons and strategic delivery systems;

1 (2) temporary reductions in the quantity of nu-
2 clear weapons or deployed strategic delivery systems
3 to facilitate the fielding of modernized replacements;

4 (3) nuclear weapons that are retired or await-
5 ing dismantlement as of January 1, 2021; or

6 (4) reductions made pursuant to a treaty with
7 respect to which the Senate has provided its advice
8 and consent pursuant to article II, section 2, clause
9 2 of the Constitution of the United States.

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) NEW START TREATY.—The term “New
12 START Treaty” means the Treaty between the
13 United States of America and the Russian Federa-
14 tion on Measures for the Further Reduction and
15 Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed on
16 April 8, 2010, and entered into force on February
17 5, 2011.

18 (2) STRATEGIC DELIVERY SYSTEM.—The term
19 “strategic delivery system” means any of the fol-
20 lowing:

21 (A) LGM–30G Minuteman III interconti-
22 nental ballistic missiles and any associated re-
23 entry vehicles.

1 (B) Launch facilities for LGM-30G Min-
2 uteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles,
3 whether deployed or non-deployed.

4 (C) Ohio-class fleet ballistic missile sub-
5 marines.

6 (D) UGM-133 Trident II submarine-
7 launched ballistic missiles and any associated
8 reentry vehicles.

9 (E) B-52H Stratofortress long-range
10 heavy bombers.

11 (F) B-2A Spirit stealth bombers.

12 (G) AGM-86B air-launched cruise mis-
13 siles.

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