

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To limit the availability of funds for design and development of space-based interceptor capability.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 2296

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MARKEY

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place in title XV, insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SEC. 15 ____ . LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
4 **DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF SPACE-**
5 **BASED INTERCEPTOR CAPABILITY.**

6 (a) LIMITATION.—None the funds authorized to be
7 appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for
8 fiscal year 2026 for the development and deployment of
9 a next-generation air and missile defense architecture
10 (known as “Golden Dome”) may be obligated or expended

1 to design or develop a space-based interceptor capability
2 until the Secretary of Defense submits to the congres-
3 sional defense committees the following:

4 (1) A complete architecture plan and lifecycle
5 system costs for the constellation of satellites re-
6 quired for the space-based interceptor capability.

7 (2) A certification by the President that the de-
8 ployment of space-based interceptor capability would
9 not have a negative impact on strategic stability
10 with Russia and China.

11 (3) A written commitment that the Director of
12 Operational Test and Evaluation will be provided
13 with the resources necessary to provide effective
14 oversight of the space-based interceptor testing pro-
15 gram and that space-based interceptors will undergo
16 realistic operational testing before deployment.

17 (4) An independent technical review by the Na-
18 tional Academy of Sciences on the military and cost
19 effectiveness of space-based interceptors to counter
20 intercontinental ballistic missiles.

21 (b) FORM.—Any submission to the congressional de-
22 fense committees described in subsection (a) shall be sub-
23 mitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified
24 annex.