
**Maintain and Protect the United States Defense Industrial Base
(National Security)
Resolution 19-15**

WHEREAS, Congressional Research Service defines defense industrial base, "...comprises public-sector (government-owned, government-operated) facilities and private-sector (commercial) companies."; and

WHEREAS, 10 United States Code 133(b)(4) directs "establishing policies of the Department of Defense for maintenance of the defense industrial base of the United States"; and

WHEREAS, the defense industrial base continues to be an important and vital component of U.S. military and economic superiority by providing the U.S. warfighter and taxpayer with new, unique and cutting-edge defense and aerospace technology and manufacturing capabilities that serve to, among other things, deter potential adversaries; and

WHEREAS, the United States has unique requirements as a military and economic superpower to be able to develop, build and maintain the industrial base for Air Force power projection capabilities, Army organic industrial base, Navy shipbuilding, and services data networks, among other defense requirements; and

WHEREAS, the September 2018 report on Assessing and Strengthening the Manufacturing and Defense Industrial Base and Supply Chain Resiliency of the United States identified the following challenges to the industrial base; "sequestration and uncertainty of government spending; the decline of critical markets and suppliers; unintended consequences of U.S. Government acquisition behavior; aggressive industrial policies of competitor nations; and the loss of vital skills in the domestic workforce."; and

WHEREAS, the defense industrial base, including skilled workers, engineers, and precision tooling cannot be easily or inexpensively reconstituted once lost if the nation needs to address emerging or unforeseen threats in a timely and effective manner;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ROA chartered by Congress, urge Congress, the President, and the Department of Defense to carefully consider the implications to the defense industrial base for all future major budget and program decisions and take immediate steps to protect important, vital, and unique military equipment production lines to ensure a robust military industrial base for the future.

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