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Date: 2/19/2009
To: Senator Linda Menard, Chairwoman
Senate State Affairs Committee
From: Representative Nancy Dahlstrom, Co-Chair
Joint Armed Services Committee
RE: Hearing Request

I am requesting a hearing for House Joint Resolution 12- "A resolution respectfully urging the United States Congress to provide the necessary funding for the ongoing development, operation, and maintenance of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System."

This resolution simply urges Congress to continue supporting and funding our Ground Based Midcourse Defense System.

If you have any questions please contact Angela Blanchard in my office at 465-3783.

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Sponsor Statement

House Joint Resolution 12

“A resolution respectfully urging the United States Congress to provide the necessary funding for the ongoing development, operation, and maintenance of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System.”

The Ground-based Midcourse Defense System makes up a significant piece of the United States’ defense against foreign ballistic missile threats. Urging Congress to support the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System is crucial, because the program serves as the nation’s only deployed operational system for defending against long range ballistic missiles, contributes to Alaska’s economy, and continues to be a successful program.

The program’s first interceptors were activated at Ft. Greely, Alaska in 2004. Today, foreign missile threats remain plausible. This resolution respectfully reminds Congress that now is not the time for the U.S. to let its guard down, and change course in terms of supporting the program. This system is viewed as the cornerstone of the nation’s defense against foreign missile threats, and vital for the security of our country.

Furthermore, this resolution highlights the importance of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System to Alaska in these uncertain economic times. The program provides over 700 jobs in state, and has an economic impact of nearly \$250,000,000 on the state.

Lastly, this program boasts significant accomplishments, some as recently as 2008. Successful missions include an operationally realistic flight test intercepting a target missile launched from Kodiak, the deployment of additional long-range interceptor missiles at Ft. Greely, and superior weapon readiness rates in support of the 49th Missile Defense Battalion, made up of 200 member of the Alaska National Guard.

The Ground-based Midcourse Defense System remains vital for the defense of the nation and its citizens, important to Alaska’s economy, and continues to be a successful program.

I respectfully request favorable support of House Joint Resolution 12.

Thank you.

FISCAL NOTE

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2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: HJR 12
 (H) Publish Date: 2/11/2009

Identifier (file name): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
 Title GROUND-BASED MIDCOURSE DEFENSE SYSTEM RDU _____
 Component _____
 Sponsor Representative Nancy Dahlstrom
 Requester Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee Component Number _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()							
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

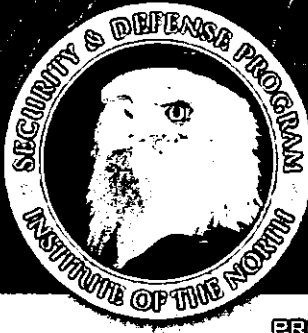
Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: House Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee Phone _____
 Division _____ Date/Time _____
 Approved by: Repreative Carl Gatto Date 2/10/2008



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21 January 2009

Missile Defense Program in Alaska Boosts State's Economy Directly, and the Nation's Economy Overall

By Mead Treadwell and Jeremy Thompson, editors

A recent study by Hans Geier at the University of Alaska Fairbanks measures the economic impact that the Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) Program is having on the local Alaska economy. The study, entitled *Economic Impact of the Boeing Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) Program: Alaska Operations 2007*, surveyed four regions of the state and estimated the impact of GMD on both on the local rural economies and the gross domestic product of Alaska. The results make a compelling case that while research and development of GMD occurs in other parts of the United States, construction and operations is providing a boost to Alaska's still-developing economy.

Economic impact was classified into two categories. The first kind of impact stems from expenditures by the GMD program itself: direct, indirect and induced. The direct effects are the changes in the industries associated with GMD expenditures. The indirect effects are changes in inter-industry purchases as they respond to the new demands of GMD-affected industries. Induced effects reflect the changes in spending from households as income increases or decreases due to the change in spending by Boeing, the prime contractor for the GMD program and sponsor of the study. All effects combined showed the defense program boosted the state's economy by \$246 million.

The second kind of impact considers household earnings income, tax revenue generated for state and local government, property and sales. The GMD program directly employs 323 people. For each employee, the study finds that an additional 1.2 jobs are created, giving a total of 716 jobs directly and indirectly created. The cumulative total of household earnings based on the factors of payroll and benefits was \$71.8 million, directly and indirectly, with many of the jobs located in areas where few employment opportunities exist. These jobs and income generated \$9.6 million in state and local tax revenue and \$19.4 million for the federal government.

In addition to the role it plays in national defense, the GMD Program is one of Alaska's largest construction projects with economic effects which trickle down to the local level in some of the most isolated rural economies in the world. Ft. Greely, where interceptors are based, was set to be closed entirely before the GMD site decision was made in the Clinton Administration. The Aleutian port of Adak, home port of the GMD's X-Band radar, is one of the most remote places in America, and the local economy had taken a dive after a U.S. Navy base had closed there. Remote Kodiak, with a state-owned launch facility that serves as part of the test-bed for both GMD and other elements of

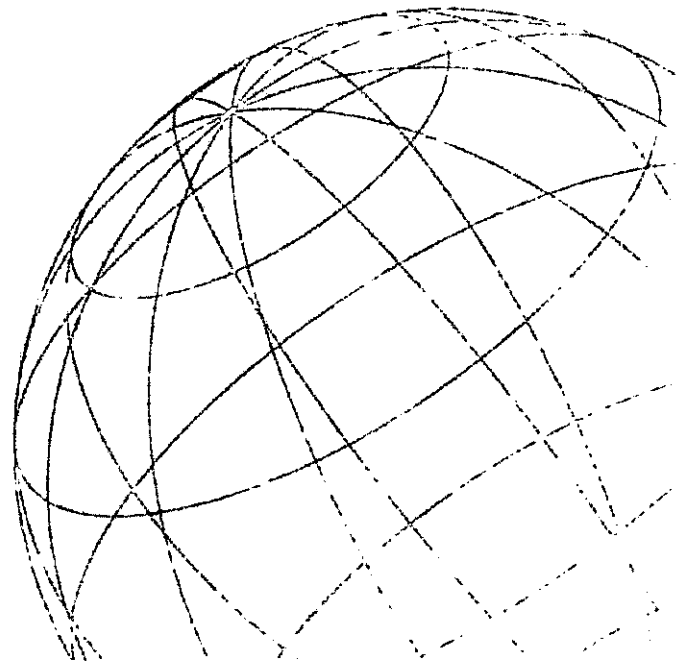
the layered national system – which envisions sea, air, and ultimately space-based defenses – is also benefitting from GMD construction in Alaska.

At the Institute of the North's Security and Defense Program, we seldom discuss the economic impact of missile defense construction. The right policy is to defend the homeland against any threat using the best means from the best location. The wrong policy is to support missile defense as a project for creating jobs. Alaskans simply called for a missile defense that would defend all 50 states through a legislative resolution in 1999. The resolution was first introduced in the state legislature in 1997, years before it was known that Alaska might host one layer of the nation's missile defense system. An effective missile defense is essential to deter missile attack on the United States, its forward forces, our friends and allies, especially from "asymmetric" or anonymous sources – states like North Korea, Iran, or from other rogue sources who might launch from ships at sea with no known "national" return address for a retaliatory response. Whatever the economic impact in Alaska, Alabama, California, Hawaii or Colorado, the ultimate impact is to provide an umbrella for the entire U.S. economy. *Link to study:* http://www.uaf.edu/snras/afes/pubs/misc/R_08_01.pdf

This article was taken from the Vanguard, a weekly publication of the Security and Defense program at the Institute of the North. It is edited by Senior Fellow Mead Treadwell and Research Associate Jeremy Thompson. For more information or to subscribe, send an email to jthompson@institutenorth.org. The Security and Defense program at the Institute of the North conducts research and educates policymakers on strategic issues relating to the defense of the United States that particularly concern decision makers in Alaska and at the state and local level throughout the nation.

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U.S. Prepared to Shoot Down N. Korean Missile

Friday, February 27, 2009

FOX NEWS

The U.S. military is prepared to shoot down a North Korean missile or rocket if President Obama should give the order, the head of the U.S. Pacific Command said Thursday.

"If a missile leaves the launch pad we'll be prepared to respond upon direction of the president," Adm. Timothy Keating told ABC News.

North Korea announced earlier this week that it was preparing to shoot a communication satellite into orbit as part of its space program. The U.S., South Korea and other neighboring countries believe the launch may be a cover for a missile test-fire, saying the action would trigger international sanctions.

"There's equipment moving up there that would indicate the preliminary stages of preparation for a launch," Keating said. "So I'd say it's more than less likely."

North Korea lashed out at critics warning it not to test a long-range missile on Thursday, saying that it would punish those trying to disrupt its plan to send what it calls a satellite into orbit.

Keating said the U.S. military is ready to respond to the missile launch with at least five different systems: a naval destroyer, Aegis cruiser, radar system, space-based system and ground-based interceptor, ABC News reported.

"Should it look like it's not a satellite launch — that it's something other than a satellite launch — we'll be ready to respond."

The latest harsh words from Pyongyang came as U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced plans to send her new envoy on North Korea to meet with negotiators in Asia trying to revive stalled nuclear disarmament talks.

Clinton later spoke by telephone with her South Korean counterpart, Yu Myung-hwan, to discuss the North's missile issue and informed him of her envoy's trip to Seoul, South Korea's Foreign Ministry said without elaborating.

On Thursday, the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of (North) Korea accused South Korea of "trumpeting about 'sanctions'" against its satellite launch, saying outsiders will know "what will soar in the air in the days ahead."

"If the puppet warmongers infringe upon our inviolable dignity even a bit ... we will not only punish the provokers but reduce their stronghold to debris," the committee said in a statement carried by the country's official Korean Central News Agency.

Kim Myong Gil, minister to the North's U.N. mission in New York, said in Atlanta where he was attending an academic forum that his country would implement the satellite launch "as scheduled." Asked about the timing, he told reporters Thursday they'll have to wait and see, according to South Korea's Yonhap news agency.

Kim said North Korea bears the right to launch a satellite into space, and that the North's space program is not up for any negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang. He also said the country is facing dire energy shortages and must develop nuclear power as a source of energy, the report said.

Analysts say the North's planned launch is seen as a bid for President Barack Obama's attention as international talks on its nuclear programs remained stalled for months and tensions with South Korea are at their highest level in a decade.

The launch of the Taepodong-2 will most likely take place around the first week in March, around the time of elections for the North's rubber-stamp parliament, said Rodger Baker, director of East Asia analysis at the global intelligence company STRATFOR.

The long-range Taepodong-2 missile is believed capable of reaching Alaska. Some experts think the North is preparing to test an advanced version that could reach the western continental U.S.

Baker said North Korea's missile capability is "fairly sophisticated" given the country's isolation and lack of access to technology.

"They are really good with short-range and anti-ship missiles, mostly those they've modified from Soviet and Chinese missiles," Baker told The Associated Press.

Clinton announced Thursday that envoy Stephen Bosworth would soon travel to the capitals of the four countries that have been working with Washington to get North Korea to give up its nuclear program — Russia, Japan, China and South Korea.

Bosworth, a former U.S. ambassador to South Korea, was named last week as the Obama administration's special representative for North Korea.

Asian and U.S. officials are looking at the best way "to deter this launch," said Christopher Hill, the top U.S. diplomat for Asia. He dismissed North Korea's claims that it was preparing to conduct a satellite launch.

"It looks an awful lot like a missile launch, and the reason it looks a lot like a missile launch is because it essentially is a missile launch, whatever the payload," Hill told reporters in Washington. Considering the North's "opaqueness," coupled with its claims that it has weaponized plutonium, he said, "you can see why we have some very deep concerns about the missile launch."

South Korea's Dong-a Ilbo newspaper reported Thursday that North Korea has built an underground fueling facility near its launch pad, making it harder for spy satellites to detect signs that a missile is being prepared for launch.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Deborah Prator

From: Laura Pierre
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 1:17 PM
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Subject: State Affairs

Hi Deborah, I will present HJR 12 for Rep. Dahlstrom in State Affairs on Tuesday of next week. She will be home in Eagle River, as her son is getting married. Angela Blanchard no longer works in our office. If you have any questions before Tuesday please let me know. Thanks!

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Deborah Prator

From: Laura Pierre
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 4:49 PM
To: Deborah Prator
Subject: RE: HJR12

Hi Debbye, Thank you for asking. McHugh Pierre from the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will be testify in person in support of the Resolution on behalf of the Administration.

Sorry it took me so long to respond. We had a Joint Armed Services Committee meeting. I will be early to hand out the documents. Thanks!

I am sorry to hear about Mayor Menard. I will keep him in my thoughts. I grew up in Palmer, so I have known their family for some time.

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From: Deborah Prator
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:52 PM
To: Laura Pierre
Subject: HJR12

Laura – Do you have anyone coming to testify? I do not show anyone, but I wanted to double check. Also, please remember to bring your materials a little early so we can distribute them. Sen. Menard's husband is very ill and is leaving tonight to go home. Sen. Meyer will be chairing the committee. Debbye

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 2/19/09

FURTHER: Rules

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 3/3/09

State Affairs Committee considered HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

HJR 12 GROUND-BASED MIDCOURSE DEFENSE SYSTEM

Relating to the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System.

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

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HOUSE BILL:	
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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

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