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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. LEE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Upholding America’s
5 Nuclear Commitments Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON MILITARY AND SECURITY RAMIFICA-**
7 **TIONS OF RUSSIA’S GROUND-LAUNCHED**
8 **CRUISE MISSILE.**

9 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense,
2 with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, shall
3 submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
4 port including the following elements:

5 (A) A description of the status of the Rus-
6 sian Federation’s new ground-launched cruise
7 missile (SSC–8), its capabilities, and the threat
8 it poses to the allies and assets of the United
9 States in Europe and Asia.

10 (B) An assessment of whether the United
11 States faces significant military disadvantages
12 with the introduction of the SSC–8 to the Eu-
13 ropean continent.

14 (C) An assessment of capability gaps that
15 a new United States ground-launched inter-
16 mediate-range missile with a range between 500
17 and 5,500 kilometers would address in Europe
18 and Asia and whether such a missile is the pre-
19 ferred military response to Russian Federation
20 violations of the INF Treaty.

21 (D) The timeline for fielding such a
22 ground-launched intermediate-range missile, in-
23 cluding time for research, development, and de-
24 ployment of the system, and the total cost for
25 development and deployment of the system.

1 (E) An assessment of the willingness of
2 countries in Europe or the Asia-Pacific region
3 to complete the legal requirements to host a
4 ground-launched intermediate-range missile
5 with a range of between 500 and 5,500 kilo-
6 meters for counterforce or countervailing strike
7 missions against the Russian Federation and
8 the People's Republic of China.

9 (F) An assessment of the North Atlantic
10 Council's willingness to endorse development of
11 a ground-launched intermediate-range missile
12 as part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
13 tion's collective response to the failure of the
14 Russian Federation to comply with the INF
15 Treaty.

16 (G) A determination of whether the United
17 States developing, producing, or flight-testing a
18 ground-launched intermediate-range missile
19 would be compliant with the INF Treaty.

20 (2) FORM.—The report required under para-
21 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
22 but may include a classified annex.

23 (b) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the
24 funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made
25 available for fiscal year 2018 for a research and develop-

1 ment program for a dual-capable road-mobile ground-
2 launched missile system with a maximum range of 5,500
3 kilometers may be obligated or expended until the report
4 required by subsection (a) is received by the congressional
5 defense committees.

6 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—

8 The term “congressional defense committees” has
9 the meaning given that term in section 101(a)(16)
10 of title 10, United States Code.

11 (2) INF TREATY.—The term “INF Treaty”
12 means the Treaty between the United States of
13 America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
14 on the Elimination of their Intermediate-Range and
15 Shorter-Range Missiles, signed at Washington De-
16 cember 8, 1987, and entered into force June 1,
17 1988.

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