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Chairman Everett Lauds Successful Missile Defense Test

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Chairman Terry Everett (R-AL) congratulated Lt. Gen. Henry “Trey” Obering and the staff of the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), and its industry’s partners on today’s successful exercise and flight test which involved the launch of a ground-based interceptor missile designed to protect the United States against a limited long-range ballistic missile attack. The test took place this morning from the Ronald W. Reagan Missile Defense Site located at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

“Given the recent missile launches in North Korea, including one potentially capable of reaching the United States, as well as emerging threats in the Middle East, most notably in Iran, today’s successful intercept brings us one step closer in ensuring the safety and security of the American people from a missile attack,” said Everett. “This most recent success of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) System validates our committee’s efforts to accelerate our nation’s near-term missile defense capabilities.”

One of the key elements of the House-passed National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2007 was investment in near-term missile defense capabilities, including additional funding to support concurrent test and operations of the existing ballistic missile defense capability.

“While I am very encouraged by today’s successful test, we must build upon this with continued rigorous testing,” Everett added.

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