SEC. ___. REDUCTION IN THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF NAVY CARRIER AIR WINGS AND CARRIER AIR WING HEADQUARTERS REQUIRED TO BE MAINTAINED.

(a) CODIFICATION AND REDUCTION.—Section 5062 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(e) The Secretary of the Navy shall ensure that the Navy maintains—

"(1) a minimum of 9 carrier air wings; and

"(2) for each such carrier air wing, a dedicated and fully staffed headquarters.".

(b) REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED SECTION.—Section 1093 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (10 U.S.C. 5062 note) is repealed.

Section-by-Section Analysis

The Department of the Navy is currently required to maintain 10 carrier air wings (CVW). This proposal reduces the requirement to nine CVWs to allow the Navy to match the number of fully staffed CVWs to the number of operationally available aircraft carriers (CVN) per the Global Force Management Allocation Plan (GFMAP) and CVN maintenance schedules. Although the Navy will have 11 CVNs beginning in FY 2016, one CVN will be in Refueling and Complex Overhaul (44 month duration), and 1-2 CVNs are planned to be in a Docking Planned Incremental Availability (16 months) or Planned Incremental Availability (6 months). Thus, the minimum requirement for CVWs is two less than the number of CVNs, i.e. nine total CVWs. The Navy has determined that the 10th CVW is in excess of minimum requirements and is unaffordable in the current fiscally constrained environment.

Budget Implications: The table below details resource requirements and proposed offsets associated with this proposal. This initiative generates $926.1 million in savings across the President's Budget 2017 Future Years Defense Program.

Resultant savings by elimination of the tenth Air Wing

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($ MILLIONS)									
	FY 2017	**FY 2018**	**FY 2019**	**FY 2020**	**FY 2021**	**Appropriation From**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash-1 Line Item**	**Program Element**
	56.5	59.6	73.9	75.4	41.9	Operation and Maintenance, Navy	01	1A1A	MULTI
	23.0	28.2	28.9	29.7	30.9	Operation and Maintenance, Navy	01	1A2A	MULTI
	6.0	1.4	3.8	6.6	0.6	Operation and Maintenance, Navy	01	1A5A	0702207N
	46.5	94.1	96.2	98.5	101.1	Military Personnel, Navy	01/02	0210	0000000N
	2.3	4.9	5.2	5.5	5.8	Medicare-Eligible Retirement Health Fund Contribution, Navy	01/02	1000N	0807732N
Total	134.3	188.1	208.0	215.7	180.3				

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal (1) would add a new subsection (c) to 10 U.S.C. 5062, shown in full above, and (2) would repeal section 1093 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112-81; 10 U.S.C. 5062 note), as follows:

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