SEC. ___. MODIFICATION OF AMOUNT AUTHORIZED FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, GUAM.

The table in section 2301(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112-239; 126 Stat. 2126) is amended in the item relating to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, by striking "$58,000,000" in the amount column and inserting "$128,000,000".

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would increase the project authorization for the Guam Strike Fuel Systems Maintenance Hangar in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (FY 2013 NDAA) from $58.0 million to $128.0 million. This project was originally submitted for authorization and appropriation as part of the FY 2012 President's Budget request. The House and Senate Appropriations Committees supported the project and $64 million was appropriated in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (P.L. 112-74) to fund the first increment of the project. However, the FY 2012 NDAA did not authorize the project. The Air Force again requested full authorization for this project in FY 2013, and while the House Armed Services Committee has supported this request in committee, the Senate Armed Services Committee did not. The Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of Conference (for H.R. 4310, H.Rpt. 112-705) regarding this request states that "conferees have concerns about the costs associated with the hardening of facilities in the U.S. Pacific Command area of responsibility, but recognize the strategic value of Andersen Air Force Base and believe the Air Force should continue to ensure that the facilities at this location remain suitable for mission requirements. The conference agreement would, therefore, include an authorization of $58.0 million for an unhardened Fuel Maintenance Hangar at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam."

The Guam Strike program supports multiple persistent missions that include a Tanker Task Force of six to 12 tankers, a continuous bomber presence of six bombers, and theater security packages that include up to 18 fighters and is a key part of the overall strategy in the Pacific. As the Department of Defense shifts toward the Asia-Pacific region, the Air Force has developed a three-tiered approach to ensuring that operations can successfully be conducted under all conditions: dispersal, air base repair, and selective hardening. Presently, we do not have a certifiable fuel systems maintenance capability at Joint Region Marianas (JRM)-Andersen. While the conference agreement would allow the Air Force to build an unhardened hangar, this will not allow the Air Force to continue operations under all conditions. JRM-Andersen is a key strategic component to the Department of Defense overall security strategy and strategy in the Pacific, and hardening this hangar is an essential part of the ability to fulfill this strategy.

Based on threat projections for JRM-Andersen, the Air Force is undertaking a Hardened Installation Protection for Persistent Operations (HIPPO) Joint Concept Technology

Demonstration (JCTD) analysis to address capability gaps in ensuring survivability of operational activities and critical infrastructure against new threat weapons. Because we have identified that retaining a fuel systems maintenance capability under all conditions is essential, we have incorporated data from this analysis into our design for this hangar to ensure that we retain this capability against existing and projected threats. Without this maintenance capability, the Department of Defense's ability to successfully operate from JRM-Andersen is severely compromised.

Budget Implications: As noted, Congress has already appropriated $64 million for the first increment of the $128 million requirement. We are including $64 million for the second increment in FY 2015 in our FY 2014 PB Future Years Defense Program (FYDP).

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($MILLIONS)									
	FY 2014	**FY 2015**	**FY 2016**	**FY 2017**	**FY 2018**	**Appropriation From**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash-1 Line Item**	**Program Element**
USAF	0	64				AF MILCON	01	AJJY123010	
TOTAL	0	64				AF MILCON	01	AJJY123010	

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would make the following changes to section 2301(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013:

SEC. 2301. AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE CONSTRUCTION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.

(a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—***

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(b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2304(a) and available for military construction projects outside the United States as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force may acquire real property and carry out military construction projects for the installations or locations outside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

AIR FORCE: OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Greenland……	Thule Air Base ……...	$24,500,000
Guam……	Andersen Air Force Base …	~~$58,000,000~~ $128,000,000
Italy……	Aviano Air Base …….	$9,400,000
Portugal……	Lajes Field ……..	$2,000,000