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KYL ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT'S FY09 DEFENSE FUNDING REQUESTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.) today announced support for funding recommended in the President's fiscal year 2009 budget request for defense programs. Kyl notified the Senate Appropriations Committee and Senate Armed Services Committee of his support for programs that will ensure necessary training, improve our nation's capabilities to meet emerging threats to our security, and modernize and secure our nuclear weapons stockpile. "The President's budget sets appropriate levels of funding for these programs, and we should appropriate what he requested," said Kyl.

The Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee considers the funding to be part of the President's budget, not an additional request from the Members of Congress who express support for it.

Senator Kyl highlighted the following programs requested in the President's budget:

Nuclear Weapons Stockpile

- **Advanced Certification Campaign**

The President requested \$20 million for the Advanced Certification Campaign, which will address issues raised in the recent JASON Defense Advisory Group study with respect to various approaches to establishing an accredited warhead certification plan without nuclear testing.

- **Directed Stockpile Work**

The President requested \$10 million for Directed Stockpile Work to answer questions about the design of the Reliable Replacement Warhead raised by the JASON Defense Advisory Group.

- **Enhanced Surety Program**

The President requested \$10 million for the Enhanced Surety Program to evaluate ways to increase the safety and security of weapons in the existing stockpile and develop new technologies to incorporate into future systems.

- **Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW)**

The President requested \$23.346 million for the RRW, a joint effort by the Department of Energy and Department of Defense to provide reliable replacement warheads to the nation's nuclear stockpile.

Missile Defense

- **Multiple Kill Vehicle**

The President requested \$345.5 million for the Multiple Kill Vehicle program to counter complex ballistic missile threats during their midcourse phase of flight.

- **Short Range Ballistic Missile Defense (SRBMD)**

The President requested \$28 million for the SRBMD program to initiate concept development and risk reduction efforts to integrate the Stunner Interceptor into U.S. Army Air and Missile Defense Systems.

- **Space Test Bed**

The President requested \$10 million for the Space Test Bed, which will provide a better understanding of the roles space can play in ballistic missile defense and inform policy decisions about what capabilities to field in space.

- **Space Tracking and Surveillance System (STSS)**

The President requested \$242.5 million for the STSS, a system of low-earth orbiting satellites and ground-based command, control, communications, and processing systems that provide critical global missile tracking through all phases of flight.

Space Security

- **Prompt Global Strike (PGS)**

The President requested \$117.6 million for PGS, one of the Defense Department's highest modernization priorities. PGS will enable worldwide, prompt response to fleeting targets of interest anywhere in the world.

- **Space Situational Awareness Program**

The President requested \$210.5 million for the Space Situational Awareness Program to enhance awareness of both environmental and emerging man-made threats to critical Defense Department satellites.

Training

- **Applied Instruction Facility, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona**

The President's budget requests \$19.49 million for the construction of a classroom facility to support Marine Aviation and Tactics Squadron One and provide training in aerial weapons for Atlantic and Pacific Fleet Marine and Navy Forces. The facility will be integrated with the remainder of the squadron, and it will support the goals of the Weapons and Tactics Training Program, as well as the execution of the Weapons and Tactics Instructors Course.

