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SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

HEARING NOTICE

On **Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at 10 a.m. in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs will hold a hearing entitled, **"Rethinking our Defense Budget: Achieving National Security through Sustainable Spending."**

Witnesses will be by invitation only.

The Department of Defense's budget has accounted for nearly 65 percent of the increase in federal discretionary spending since 2001. Citing the role of defense spending in the overall economic health of the United States, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates recently called for reductions in defense spending by eliminating wasteful spending and unnecessary weapons systems, and reducing overhead costs at the Pentagon.

This hearing will continue the Subcommittee’s oversight of defense spending by examining recent scholarship and policy research on defense budget reform, including the conclusions and recommendations made in a recent report by the Sustainable Defense Task Force, *Debt, Deficits, & Defense: A Way Forward*, which presents a series of recommendations to reduce the budget of the Department of Defense by \$960 billion by 2020. Witnesses will offer perspectives on the Department of Defense’s plan to cut military spending in the context of national security priorities and the current economic environment.

The hearing features a single, five-witness panel including:

- Carl Conetta, Ph.D., Co-Director, Project on Defense Alternatives;
- Benjamin Friedman, Research Fellow, Cato Institute;
- Todd Harrison, Senior Fellow, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments;
- Gary Schmitt, Ph.D., Resident Scholar and Director, Advanced Strategic Studies, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research; and
- Gordon Adams, Ph.D., Distinguished Fellow, Stimson Center

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Boris Maguire, LaToya King, or Andy Wright at 202-225-2548.

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