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119TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To limit the use of funds to conduct first-use nuclear strikes, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PETERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “The Nuclear First-  
5       Strike Security Act of 2025”.

1   **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO CONDUCT FIRST-**  
2                   **USE NUCLEAR STRIKES.**

3           (a) LIMITATION.—No amounts authorized to be ap-  
4   propriated for any fiscal year may be obligated or ex-  
5   pende to conduct a first-use nuclear strike unless—

6           (1) the President decides the strike is in the  
7   best interests of the United States; and

8           (2) except as provided in subsection (b), not  
9   more than 7 days before conducting such strike, the  
10   Secretary of Defense submits to the Speaker of the  
11   House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of  
12   the House Representatives, the Majority Leader of  
13   the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader  
14   of the Senate, and the Majority Leader of the Sen-  
15   ate a certification that the decision of the President  
16   under paragraph (1) to conduct the strike is valid  
17   and legal.

18          (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a)(2) does not apply  
19   with respect to a first-use nuclear strike conducted—

20           (1) under a declaration of war enacted by Con-  
21   gress;

22           (2) in response to a nuclear attack against the  
23   United States or an ally of the United States; or

24           (3) during a launch-on-warning scenario.

25          (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

1           (1) The term “ally of the United States” means  
2           a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-  
3           tion, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and the Com-  
4           monwealth of Australia.

5           (2) The term “first-use nuclear strike” means  
6           an attack conducted by the United States using nu-  
7           clear weapons against a foreign country in any in-  
8           stance where the Secretary of Defense and the  
9           Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have not joint-  
10          ly confirmed to the President that the foreign coun-  
11          try has conducted a nuclear attack against the  
12          United States or an ally of the United States.

13          (3) The term “launch-on-warning scenario”  
14          means a situation in which the United States early  
15          warning systems have detected a launch of a missile  
16          whose trajectory would result in an impact on the  
17          territory of the United States or an ally of the  
18          United States.

19          (4) The term “nuclear attack” means that one  
20          or more nuclear detonations have occurred on the  
21          territory of the United States or an ally of the  
22          United States.