

Vote Yes on Levin-McCain Amendment to Strip F-22s Adding F-22s is Choosing Corrupt System Over National Security

More F-22s Will Threaten Our National Defense

“If the Air Force is forced to buy additional F-22s beyond what has been requested, it will come at the expense of other Air Force and Department of Defense priorities—and require deferring capabilities in areas we believe are much more critical to our Nation’s defense.”

- Defense Secretary Gates and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Mullen, July 13, 2009

Capability of F-22 is Limited

“The F-22 is, in effect, a niche, silver-bullet solution required for a limited number of scenarios.”

- Defense Secretary Gates, April 15, 2009

Funding For the F-22 Relies on Imaginary Money, Smoke and Mirrors Budgeting

The F-22 will rely on anticipated savings from defense procurement reform, even though the Congressional Budget Office has said there is no basis for determining these savings. Other sources report that the money will also take hundreds of millions from operations and maintenance accounts, a common budgeting gimmick that directly impacts our soldiers in the field.

Even if the Money Was There, DoD Doesn’t Want More F-22s

“Frankly, if my topline were \$50 billion higher I would make the same decision.”

- Defense Secretary Gates, April 30, 2009

Comptroller Lied to Congress because Real Costs ‘politically unpalatable’

“We knew that the F-22 was going to cost more than the Air Force thought it was going to cost and we budgeted the lower number, and I was there,” Hamre told the Senate Armed Services Committee in April. “I’m not proud of it,” Hamre added in a recent interview.

- “Premier U.S. Fighter Jet Has Major Shortcomings” *Washington Post*

Added F-22s For National Guard At Home, Not Troops At War

“The plan shall give full consideration toward: (1) stationing the additional F-22s procured in fiscal year 2010 at strategic Air National Guard locations.”

- National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 Report

F-22 Maintenance Issues Will Result in Increased Costs

“While most aircraft fleets become easier and less costly to repair as they mature, key maintenance trends for the F-22 have been negative in recent years, and on average from October last year to this May, just 55 percent of the deployed F-22 fleet has been available to fulfill missions guarding U.S. airspace, the Defense Department acknowledged this week. The F-22 has **never** been flown over Iraq or Afghanistan.”

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