



VIRGINIA CLASS ATTACK SUBMARINE

Provide Funding for TWO Virginia Class Submarines in FY27

| FUNDING LINE—VIRGINIA CLASS AND FOLLOW ON | FY27 REQUEST |
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| Navy SCN, Line 8, Virginia Class Submarine | Funding for TWO Ships |
| Navy SCN, Line 9, Virginia Class Submarine AP | Protect the PB |
| Navy SCN, Line 49, Cost to Complete, Virginia | Protect the PB |
| Navy RDTE, Line 43, Advanced Submarine System Development | Protect the PB |
| Navy RDTE, Line 47, PE 0603570N, Advanced Nuclear Power Systems, BA 4 | Protect the PB |
| Navy RDTE, Line 143, PE 0604558N, New Design SSN, BA5 | Protect the PB |
| Navy RDTE, Line 159, PE 0604850N, SSN(X), BA5 | Protect the PB |

Virginia Class Attack Submarine Program

Provide funding for two Virginia Class submarines in FY27 to maintain production stability across the submarine industrial base

The Virginia Class attack submarine remains the most advanced, versatile, and adaptable platform within the United States undersea warfare inventory, able to prosecute a broad range of mission sets and evolve throughout the life of the program to pace future threats. The need for Virginia Class submarines has never been more pronounced. For example, the Navy’s FY25 Long Range Navy Shipbuilding Plan, informed by the 2023 Battle Force Ship Assessment, calls for 66 fast attack submarines by 2053. However, the U.S. currently has only 50 fast attack submarines, including 26 Virginia Class submarines. By contrast, the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) estimates that the Chinese shipbuilding capability is over 200 times that of the U.S., marking China as the pacing global threat for submarine production.

After a rapid reduction in demand following the end of the Cold War and subsequent 20 years of low-rate production, the nuclear shipbuilding industrial base is struggling to rapidly ramp production rates to meet critical fleet needs. Recent challenges, including historically high inflation, generational change in workforce demographics, and below-market wages placed the industry at a critical juncture as the prime nuclear shipyards and the Navy work towards the acquisition of the next 14 nuclear submarines (nine Block VI Virginia Class, and five Columbia Class ballistic missile submarines). Steady funding and stable construction profiles for the Virginia Class Submarine are critical while the shipbuilders and industrial base work to overcome these challenges. Although continued production improvements are necessary, the submarine industrial base continues to focus keenly on the needs of the nation, delivering two Virginia Class Submarines in 2024 and again in 2025.

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