



VIRGINIA CLASS ATTACK SUBMARINE

Provide Funding for Two Virginia Class Submarines in FY26

FUNDING LINE—VIRGINIA CLASS AND FOLLOW ON	FY26 REQUEST
Navy SCN, Line 5, Virginia Class Submarine	Funding for TWO Ships
Navy SCN, Line 6, Virginia Class Submarine AP	Protect the PB
Navy SCN, Line 32, Cost to Complete, Virginia	Protect the PB
Navy RDTE, Line 47, PE 0603570N, Advanced Nuclear Power Systems, BA4, Project #2370: Next Generation Fast Attack Nuclear Propulsion Development	Protect the PB
Navy RDTE, Line 136, PE 0604558N, New Design SSN, BA5	Protect the PB
Navy RDTE, Line 154, PE 0604850N, SSN(X), BA5	Protect the PB

Virginia Class Attack Submarine Program

Provide Funding for Two Virginia Class Submarines to Maintain Production Stability for the Supply Base

The Virginia Class attack submarine remains the most agile, 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 latest 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 52 fast attack submarines, including 24 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 historically high inflation, the generational change in workforce demographics, and below-market wages place the industry at a critical juncture as the prime nuclear shipyards and the Navy work towards the acquisition of the next 17 nuclear submarines (two Block V Virginia Class, ten 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 industrial base works to overcome these challenges.

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