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Analysis of the FY 2018 Defense Budget and Trends in Defense Spending

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President Trump's FY 2018 defense budget promises a "historic" defense buildup. At \$603 billion in the base national defense budget, some \$54 billion over the Budget Control Act caps, it grows the size of military slightly and boosts RDT&E efforts, but doesn't move the needle on procurement. Does the FY 2018 budget request build the military the U.S. needs? Will Congress succeed in funding more for defense?

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