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# Did Dollars Follow Strategy? A Review of the FY 2020 Defense Budget

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On 1 October, the U.S. federal government ushers in its Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. If policymakers approve the \$738 billion national defense budget – the amount agreed to by the White House and Congressional leaders in a July 2019 agreement – military spending will have increased in real terms for the fifth consecutive year. At the same time, the July budget plan envisions a cut in inflation-adjusted spending in 2021, thus pausing a defense buildup that began in the Obama administration.

In a new CSBA study, *Did Dollars Follow Strategy?*, Research Fellow Travis Sharp delivers authoritative commentary on the FY 2020 budget plan and how its investment parameters conform to the requirements laid out in last year's National Defense Strategy. This report is the 35th in a series of annual budget analyses published by CSBA and its predecessor organization. Mr. Sharp analyzes top-line expenditures and provides critical context through force planning scenario and defense mission assessments.