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NRO director testifies before House Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

WASHINGTON – Today, NRO Director Dr. Chris Scolese testified before the House Armed Services Committee, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, on Fiscal Year 2024 National Security Space Programs, affirming NRO’s commitment to making the world and the nation a stronger, safer place.

“For more than 60 years, the NRO has developed tools and techniques to bring the farthest reaches of the planet into our grasp – seeing, hearing, and sensing what you can only get from the vantage point of space,” said Dr. Scolese. “We are using that vantage point to help find the answers to some of the nation’s most important national security questions, providing our warfighters, policymakers, and decision makers the intelligence they need, when they need it.”

Dr. Scolese detailed how NRO is staying ahead of competitors, delivering more information faster than ever before by:

- Building the most resilient and proliferated ISR constellation in NRO history, launching hundreds more systems on orbit;
- Integrating cutting-edge technology to modernize our architecture in space and on the ground; and
- Leveraging partnerships with government agencies, global allies, and the U.S. space industry to identify new opportunities and optimize effectiveness.

“We are pushing the boundaries, building ISR capabilities beyond what we ever thought possible,” said Dr. Scolese. “I am confident the NRO, our people, and our partners are all committed to accelerating our advantage in space.”

Dr. Scolese joined Intelligence Community and Department of Defense partners, with testimony from Tonya Wilkerson, deputy director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency; Dr. John Plumb, assistant secretary of defense for space policy; and Frank Calvelli, assistant Secretary of the Air Force for space acquisitions and integration.

Dr. Scolese’s Statement for the Record is available [here](#).

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