



Houlahan-Led Priorities Included in 2026 NDAA Before Committee Debate:

1. Funding for jobs in PA-06 that will create cutting-edge technologies like unmanned helicopters and enhance special operations forces' lethality, agility, and counterterrorism effectiveness across the Department of Defense.
2. A pilot program that helps DoD and its healthcare arm test proven technologies that can make military healthcare faster, safer, and more efficient for both providers and patients.
3. Extension of military child-care programs and options by allowing military families more flexibility and supporting families cover the cost of in-home childcare, easing the burden on service members and improving overall readiness.
4. Improved access to OB-GYN care for servicewomen by removing referral hurdles and giving them more choice in their providers, improving access and overall health outcomes.
5. A plan to stockpile tin, a critical component of various defense technologies. The U.S. currently relies heavily on foreign sources, particularly from China, creating vulnerabilities in national security.
6. Reinforcing Pennsylvania's advanced manufacturing and robotics ecosystem, helping the Navy reduce ship maintenance backlogs and improve fleet readiness through cutting-edge technologies like robotic sensing and twin analytics.
7. Funding to helps the DoD reduce post-conflict threats to civilians, promote global stability, and strengthen U.S. partnerships through life-saving efforts that clear explosive hazards from war-torn areas.
8. Ensuring the federal government can give young people who can't serve in the military a clear path to contribute through public service in order to grow the national talent pool and inspire youth to pursue meaningful careers that support their communities and the country.

9. Support for service members and their families by ensuring housing allowances don't count against their eligibility for the Basic Needs Allowance (a supplemental monthly payment that bridges a gap for low-income people), making it easier for struggling military families to access the support they need like groceries, utilities, and child-care.
10. Preservation of the Military Women's Memorial, a landmark in D.C. which helps recognize and honor the contributions of women in the military, and source of inspiration for more young women to see themselves in service to their country.
11. Support for BioMADE, a manufacturing innovation institute, to strengthen America's bioindustrial manufacturing and defense innovation, benefitting PA-06 through nearby advanced manufacturing facilities and university partnerships that create jobs, grow the local biotech economy, and contribute to national security.
12. A report on how recruiters are providing information on other federal service opportunities (AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, other federal employment) to those deemed ineligible for military service.
13. Funding the Department of Defense's efforts to strengthen global health security and advance medical research and disease prevention that can protect the force and benefit communities like PA-06, particularly local farmers raising animals, by helping detect and stop outbreaks that threaten public health, agriculture, and the global food supply.
14. Strengthening Department of Defense energy resilience to keep military bases running during power outages and extreme weather by funding projects that make military installations more energy-efficient, reliable, and secure.
15. Funding to help the military solve environmental challenges, like cleaning up pollution and managing climate risks, so bases stay safe, ready, and sustainable for the long term.
16. Support for the Department of Defense to identify ways to use AI and data tools to cut costs, prevent fraud, and make the procurement process more efficient and transparent.

17. Funding to identify risks and make improvements to military water systems, ensuring bases have reliable and secure access to clean drinking water, protecting mission readiness, safeguarding service members, and reducing costly disruptions during droughts or emergencies.
18. Authorization to review energy reliability at military bases by identifying power needs and weak spots, ensuring installations can operate during outages or attacks, and improving coordination with federal agencies and private partners to keep missions running and personnel safe.
19. Support for DoD's ability to monitor and manage internet-based threats, helping protect military networks, counter online influence operations, and strengthen overall cyber defense and mission assurance through necessary funding.
20. Strengthening Army and special operations readiness with modern heavy-lift helicopters and supporting 469 Boeing employees in PA06 who help build and sustain this critical capability.
21. Study to understand the feasibility of the military's ability to build super-fast, reusable aircraft that can fly farther and respond quicker, while also advancing cutting-edge technology that boosts national security.

Rep. Houlihan Priorities Included in 2026 NDAA After Committee Debate:

1. Preventing the Department of Defense from terminating DoDEA or military childcare workers unless there is documented poor performance or misconduct. This would preserve access to essential education and childcare services for service members.
2. Ensuring the Department of Defense creates clear, responsible guidelines for biotechnology use, that would protect service members, align with international standards, and foster innovation. This provision may also benefit communities like PA-06, where strong biotech and advanced manufacturing sectors stand to gain from ethical, well-regulated defense partnerships.
3. Re-establishment of Women's Initiative Teams across all service branches to identify and remove barriers to women's recruitment, retention, and advancement.

4. Improving overseas medical care by exploring secure, AI-driven language translation tools that would reduce harmful delays and miscommunication caused by language barriers in military treatment facilities and medical missions.
5. Ensuring the continued implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security Act by requiring a detailed update on how the Department of Defense is integrating women into conflict prevention, security, and peacebuilding efforts, and reinforces the U.S.'s commitments to inclusive defense and global stability.
6. Requiring the Department of Defense to establish biotechnology training programs for military personnel, civilians, and contractors, to ensure the workforce is equipped to safely develop, manage, and apply innovative and novel technologies in defense, health, and critical mission areas.
7. Requiring the Department of Defense to assess how expanding the use of security cameras in unaccompanied housing where sexual assault is most acute could enhance safety, support investigations, and ultimately reduce sexual violence and other criminal activity by improving accountability and the protection of our service members.
8. Directing the Army to assess the structure and effectiveness of its Executive Innovation Corps pilot program to ensure it brings in the right technology talent with clear goals, proper training, and strong oversight that supports integration of commercial innovation with military priorities.
9. Support for Army biotechnology research which funds the development of advanced materials to enhance soldier protection, equipment performance, and long-term readiness, ensuring the Army stays at the forefront of innovation. This increase could also benefit innovation hubs like those in and around PA-06, where cutting-edge biotech and advanced manufacturing capabilities continue to grow.
10. Requiring the Department of Defense to coordinate with external energy and grid planning agencies to protect mission-critical installations from power disruptions and support long-term energy security.