Washington, DC—U.S. Congressman Mike Pence released the following statement today on the stop work order that was issued on the Joint Strike Fighter alternate engine. Pence’s floor speech on this issue can be found **here** .

"I am troubled that the Department of Defense chose to stop work on the Joint Strike Fighter alternate engine despite the fact that the program is funded under current law. I believe that competition is the best way to control costs and ensure continuity within the largest defense program in our nation’s history. For our national security, for taxpayers and for Hoosier workers, I will continue to work to preserve this important program."

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