Hello, my name is Raven Fallon-Cyr. I am a representative of Lockheed Martin, as well as other defense suppliers.

Cutting military spending would be an irrational act for the United States to pursue.  The large amount of military spending has empowered the U.S. to be the dominant power in a unipolar system. Because of the money we have invested towards our safety and security, attacks against America are impossible. Deterrence from our attacks is the only rational option hostel states have against us right now, and cutting our military spending will give states the opportunity to combat our military. If other states feel as though we are falling behind in our expenditures, it will give them hope. We do not want to create a security dilemma and increase the amount of conflict that we are facing.

Our world is at threat; terrorism is at a high point. Just 24 days ago we lost 130 lives in the Paris attacks. Isis is thriving and it is our responsibility to put a stop to them. In a time where terrorism is a major threat and the need for collective security is at it’s peak, it is not time to be making cuts to the defense budget.

Along with risking our national security, reclassifying positions and downsizing the amount of military supplies would cut thousands of jobs that benefit the American economy. Lockheed Martin alone employs 126,000 people with facilities across all fifty states. These are good paying jobs that develop the U.S. economy and benefit our citizens. In 2011 the top 100 contractors alone kept 410 billion dollars into the U.S. economy. Any senator willing to vote for a bill that will create job loss, runs the risk of suffering from audience cost.

Cutting defense spending is not a sustainable action. National defense should be our top priority. Our world is in a state of anarchy and lowering our military budget will only put us at risk. Maintaining sovereignty is only possible if we maintain a strong military power. As representative of Americans citizens, it is in all of your best interests to at the very least eradicate Section 2 and Section 4 of Bill 1- 2015. Passing this bill would be putting our security and liberty in jeopardy.