

# U.S. Rep. Gallagher: U.S. must be ready to fight China by 2025

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Mike Gallagher today released the following statement in response to [reports](#) that the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) has built models of U.S. aircraft carriers and other ships in an area used for missile targets.

“The PLA continues to openly demonstrate its intentions to sink the American fleet in the Western Pacific, and it is accelerating its development of those capabilities. We cannot wait for systems that might come online in 2035 or 2045, we need a Battle Force ready to fight a conventional war with China by 2025. If we hesitate to make ourselves ready now, we are only inviting our own destruction at the hands of the PLA.”