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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chairwoman Committee of Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee of Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Army Aviation Support Facility 3 project through the Department of Defense (DoD)/Military Construction in the Army National Guard account in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mississippi National Guard, which is located at 1553 65th Avenue South, Meridian, Mississippi, 39307-7024.

The funding would expand and alter 34,740 square feet of the aircraft maintenance hangar to support six CH-47s for the 185th Aviation Brigade (Mississippi National Guard) in Meridian, Mississippi. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds, as it has been listed as a priority of the Mississippi National Guard Adjutant General for the previous three years. The current footprint of the Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) 3 is approximately 50 percent short of the mandated square footage for the maintenance and care of the CH-47s. The requested funding for the AASF 3 would allow the facility to meet the required square footage and reduce repair time and stress to the shop personnel, thereby increasing mission readiness and availability of the CH-47s.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely.

Michael Guest Member of Congress