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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-4602

September 23, 2019

The Honorable James Inhofe  
Chairman  
Senate Armed Services Committee  
205 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Adam Smith  
Chairman  
House Armed Services Committee  
2264 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable Jack Reed  
Ranking Member  
Senate Armed Services Committee  
728 Rayburn Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Mac Thornberry  
Ranking Member  
House Armed Services Committee  
2208 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Inhofe, Ranking Member Reed, Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Thornberry,

We write to urge you to support authorizing the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) at \$100 million in the Fiscal Year 2020 Conference Report. The DCIP is of vital importance to the wellbeing of our national security infrastructure and the welfare of our service members and their families.

Last year Congress created the DCIP which, under the Office of Economic Adjustment, provides grants for the Federal Government to assist state and local governments in addressing deficiencies in community infrastructure projects. Grants are used for projects located outside of military installations but that support military installations. These grants are awarded under the guidance of the Secretary of Defense and require a 20% match from the State or local government.

These grants will support projects like transportation development to ease traffic congestion around bases and upgrades to water, waste-water, telecommunications, electric, gas and other utility systems associated with military installations. Additionally, grants will be available to community schools, hospitals, and emergency response facilities to keep defense communities safe. All these projects are critical to ensure the federal government pays its fair share to support communities surrounding Department of Defense equities.

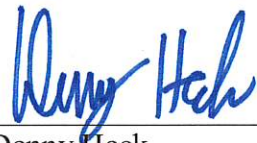
The DCIP is a long-overdue investment in our nation's defense infrastructure that will support readiness and family welfare. Please reauthorize the DCIP at \$100 million. We

appreciate your attention to our request to strengthen and sustain the work of our nation's fighting forces.

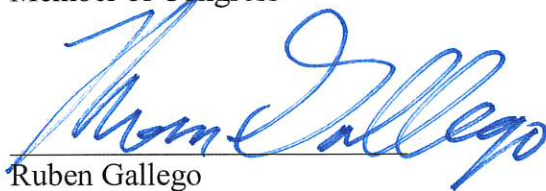
Sincerely,



Elaine G. Luria  
Member of Congress




Denny Heck  
Member of Congress



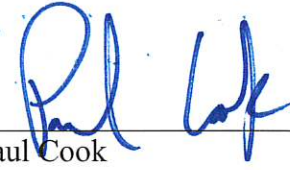
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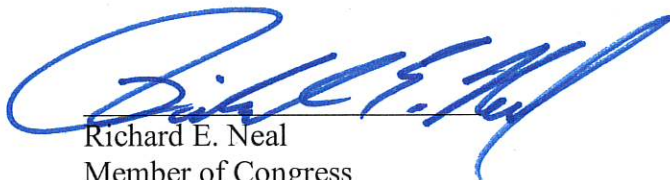
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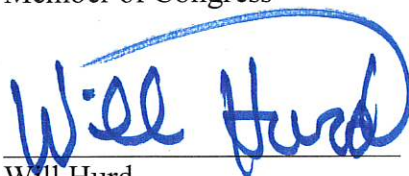
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