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Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
The Capitol, Room S-128
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Honorable Thad Cochran, Ranking Member
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Honorable Tim Johnson, Chairman
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Subcommittee on Military Construction,
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Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Senators Inouye, Cochran, Johnson, and Hutchison:

As the subcommittee begins its consideration of the fiscal year 2010 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill, we are writing to request your support for the following projects. These projects meet a local, state or national public need and maintain or create jobs:

Project Name: Component Numbered Air Force Bed Down Facilities
Service: Air National Guard
Location: Battle Creek Air National Guard Base
Project Number: MBMV079055
Amount Requested: $13.9 million
Justification/Explanation: The 110th Fighter Wing requires properly sized and adequately configured facilities for the new Component Numbered Air Force (CNAF) Warfighting Headquarters mission. The CNAF Warfighting Headquarters mission at Battle Creek Air National Guard Base includes a Command Support Element, Air Operations Squadron, Air Intelligence Squadron, Air Communications Squadron, Air Operations Center, and an Air Mobility Squadron.

Project Name: A-10 Squad Operations Facility
Service: Air National Guard
Location: Selfridge Air National Guard Base
Project Number: VGLZ059023
Amount Requested: $6.2 million
Justification/Explanation: This project would create an efficient and properly configured workspace for the 127th Wing A-10 Squadron Operations Command Function, Embedded Combat Weather, Survival Equipment, and Flight Simulator Training (1 A-10 Simulator).

Project Name: Replace Troop Quarters
Service: Air National Guard
Location: Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center
Project Number: TDVG029066
Amount Requested: $8.5 million
Justification/Explanation: This project will build a billeting facility that will house 155 personnel and will meet appropriate force protection standoff distance requirements. The current temporary block-framed structures were built in the early 1950s. The facilities do not meet current fire protection standards, and have numerous safety violations. The current quarters provide inadequate sleeping accommodations for deploying personnel, inefficient processing of units and, therefore, loss of quality training.

Project Name: Barracks Replacement, Phase II
Service: Army National Guard
Location: Camp Grayling
Project Number: 260051A
Amount Requested: $16.9 million
Justification/Explanation: The soldier billeting areas of Camp Grayling were built in increments beginning in the 1950s. The current facilities do not meet existing fire protection standards, have numerous safety violations and provide inadequate sleeping accommodations for deploying personnel. The first phase of this project was funding in the fiscal year 2009 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill.

Project Name: Organizational Maintenance Shop
Service: Army National Guard
Location: Fort Custer
Project Number: 260213A
Amount Requested: $7.7 million
Justification/Explanation: This project consists of demolition and reconstruction of an OMS that was incorrectly constructed by the General Contractor. The General Contractor defaulted on the project and subsequent engineering investigations found the structure unsafe and not repairable. Project consists of a combined Unit Training Equipment Site (UTES), and a consolidated Organizational Maintenance Shop (OMS) with drive-thru work bays for oversized military equipment fielding by the Army National Guard Division Redesign Study (ADRS).

We certify that neither we nor our immediate family have a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that we have requested in the fiscal year 2010 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill and report, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. We further certify that we have posted a description of the items requested on our official websites, along with the accompanying justification.

We appreciate the subcommittee's consideration of our requests. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Noblet of Senator Levin's staff at 202-224-9206 or Amit Kalra of Senator Stabenow's staff at 202-224-4822.

Sincerely,

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