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Congress of the United States  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
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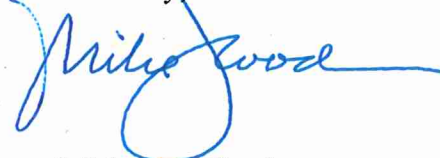
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Survival Airborne Operations Center Planning and Design Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Offutt Air Force Base located at 106 Peacekeeper Drive, Bldg 301D Ste 2N3, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska 68113.

The funding would be used for planning and design of a 2-bay maintenance hangar for Survival Airborne Operations Center aircraft, the operations and training facility, and airfield pavement. The project would also include site preparation of the area. The Survival Airborne Operations Center aircraft is a military command center that can be used as a mobile command center in the event of emergencies. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the aircraft being utilized to meet the mission currently is at the end of its useable life, and with the new aircraft, it will not only provide continuity to the Nuclear Mission support that it provides, it will allow for technological and security upgrades to be integrated. This project is necessary for the nation's national defense and essential in the Great Power Competition.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 10 U.S.C. Chapter 169. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Flood  
Member of Congress