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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
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Survivable Airborne Operations Center (SAOC) Planning & Design in fiscal year 2026. 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 complete the planning and design of a 2-Bay Hangar, 1-Bay hanger, and a Supply Storage Facility to support the new SAOC.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because requested planning and design funds associated with the SAOC program are crucial for establishing a clear set of requirements and scope for successful project execution. This meticulous planning process ensures optimization of requirements for critical infrastructure, ensuring the resilience of our nuclear command and control capabilities. These facilities will be critical for training and maintenance operations. Ultimately, these projects will upgrade and support the Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications (NC3) mission, further enhancing National Security by improving the reliability and timeliness of defense information delivery to decision makers in the National Military Command System (NMCS). This investment lays the groundwork for a more robust and secure NC3 system for years to come.

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