The Honorable Mark Esper Jan 16, 2020

U.S. Secretary of Defense

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Washington, DC

Dear Secretary Esper –

 As you know the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) was authorized as section 2861 in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (P.L. 115-232) and funded at $50 million through defense appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020. The program requires The Department of Defense (DOD) to work with state and local governments by providing a matching grant to address the critical off-base infrastructure needs that directly affect the military value and the resilience of our installations. This program can directly enhance the critical military value of our bases and have a larger impact by leveraging state, local, private sector and even other federal investments through a matching requirement. This could result in an estimated $300 million to $400 million total impact nationwide. This ready-to-go infrastructure plan makes national security the first priority.

 Since the authorities passage over 18 months ago, our community and state partners have not received any information on the program’s structure or schedule. We request that you provide us with your plan and timeline to launch this program. We look forward to your swift response to this inquiry.

 Sincerely,