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The Honorable Mark Esper  
Secretary of Defense  
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Dear Secretary Esper,

As you know, the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) was authorized by Section 2861 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (P.L. 115-232) and funded at \$50 million through the FY2020 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 116-93). The DCIP program, executed by the Office of Economic Adjustment, will enable the Department of Defense to assist State and local governments address deficiencies in community infrastructure that will enhance the military value, resilience, or military family quality of life at military installations. It enjoys wide bipartisan support as a tool to address outside the fence line resiliency gaps.

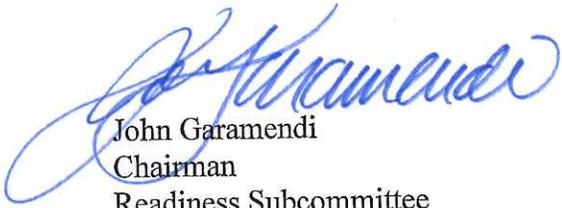
By requiring at least 30% of the funding for a DCIP project to come from non-defense funding sources, the program will ensure our limited defense funds provide a larger impact by leveraging state, local, other federal agencies, and even private sector funding sources. This could result in an estimated impact of an additional \$300 million to \$400 million investment in infrastructure that will improve the resiliency or military value of an installations.

Since the program was established over 18 months ago, Congress, as well as our community and state partners, have yet to receive any information on the program's structure, how the program will be managed, how projects will compete and be selected for funding, or a timeline for award and construction of projects. We note that the committee report accompanying the FY2020 National Defense Authorization Act (H.Rept. 116-120) required a report by February 1, 2020 that addresses the above questions about the implementation and management of the DCIP program. To date, the committee has not received the required report. Therefore, we request the Department provide us with the plan and timeline to implement this important program and continue to support it beyond FY2020. In order to ensure that the Department can utilize the \$50 million that was appropriated for DCIP in FY2020, there can be no delay in implementing and distributing guidance to communities.

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The DCIP program provides the Department with an additional authority to strengthen the resilience of its military installations and address concerns that have been repeatedly raised by those who look at infrastructure vulnerabilities that impact military operations. DCIP is a promising initiative which will multiply the impact of defense funding, and forge even stronger partnerships between the Department and our nation's defense communities. We look forward to your attention to this matter and your response.

Sincerely,



John Garamendi  
Chairman  
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Doug Lamborn  
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Readiness Subcommittee

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