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The Honorable Daniel Inouye
Chairman
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Senate Dirksen Office Building, Room 122
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Vice Chairman
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The Honorable Tim Johnson
Chairman
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The Honorable Mark Kirk
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Military Construction,
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Senate Appropriations Committee
Senate Hart Office Building, Room 125
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Inouye, Vice Chairman Cochran, Chairman Johnson, and Ranking Member Kirk:

As the Appropriations Committee begins its consideration of the Fiscal Year 2012 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I request support for the following military construction projects included in the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2012.

Project: Aviation Complex, Ph 3A
Request: Support President's Budget, $114,000,000
Account: Military Construction, Army
Project Number: 67113
Service Component: Army
Project Location: Fort Wainwright, Alaska
Project Description: Construct phase 3A of a standard design Aviation Complex at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. This project consists of 4 phases. This project is required for Fort Wainwright, Alaska, to support the stationing of a General Support Aviation Battalion in accordance with the Global Defense Posture Realignment. Adequate *existing* facilities do not exist to accommodate the stationing action of the Aviation unit a t Fort Wainwright, Alaska. All existing facilities suitable for use under this facility category code are

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occupied by other tenants. This project provides essential permanent facilities to support the Aviation unit stationing at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. Phase 4 will be requested in FY2013 for S6lM. Primary facilities in this phase include an Aircraft Maintenance Hangar, installation of Intrusion Detection Systems, Mass Notifications Systems, connections to Energy Monitoring and Control Systems, Special Foundations, fire protection, and building information systems. Supporting facilities include utilities and connections; electric service; water, sewer, steam connections, paving, walks, curbs and gutters; parking; storm drainage; site improvements and information systems. Measures in accordance with the of Defense Minimum Antiterrorism for Buildings standards will provided. Access for persons with disabilities will be provided. Comprehensive building and furnishing related interior design services are required. Sustainable Design and Development and Energy Policy Act of 2005 features will be provided. Air Conditioning (Estimated 352100 Tons).

Project: Brigade Combat Team (Light) Complex
Request: Support President's Budget, $97,000,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: FXSB061561
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska
Project Description: Construct a standard design Brigade Combat Team (Light) Complex, Ph 1A. A multi-story with a basement, reinforced concrete foundation and floor slabs, masonry walls, and roof. Install fire protection/detection and utilities systems to include keyless entry, information systems, fire protection and alarm systems, Intrusion Detection System installation, and Energy Monitoring Control Systems connection. Supporting facilities include site development, utilities and connections, lighting, paving, parking, walks, curbs and gutters, storm drainage, information systems, landscaping and signage. To support the stationing of a Brigade Combat Team as part of the Army Modular Force/Global Positioning Initiative.

Project: Brigade Complex, Ph 2
Request: Support President's Budget, $74,000,000
Account: Military Construction, Army
Project Number: 72270
Service Component: Army
Project Location: Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
Project Description: The project consists of 2 phases. Phase 1 was requested in FY2011 for $67,038 M. This phase includes standard design brigade headquarters, battalion headquarters with classrooms; a tactical equipment maintenance facility, organizational storage, oil, hazardous waste and open storage and organizational vehicle parking. Project also includes building information systems, fire protection and alarm

systems, Intrusion Detection Systems installation, and Energy Monitoring and Control Systems connection. Sustainable Design and Development and Energy Policy Act of 2005 features will be provided. Currently there are no existing facilities available to support this stationing action.

Project: Dormitory (168 RM)
Request: Support President's Budget, $45,000,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: FTQW083005
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska
Project Description: Construct a 168 room, three-story dormitory with reinforced concrete foundation and floor slab, masonry walls and roof. Other work includes: site improvements, parking, roadway, arctic utilidor, contaminated soil remediation, all supporting facilities, and the demolition of buildings and supporting facilities in the way of construction. This dorm is required to replace dorms rate unsatisfactory condition for 168 enlisted personnel.

Project: Organizational Parking
Request: Support President's Budget, $3,600,000
Account: Military Construction, Army
Project Number: 75004
Service Component: Army
Project Location: Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
Project Description: Construct Organizational Parking for the Tactical Equipment Maintenance Facilities Site preparation and improvements, storm drainage, and curbs and gutters are incorporated into the unit cost of the organizational parking. This project is needed to provide adequate organizational parking to support tactical equipment maintenance facilities at JBER.

Project: SOF Cold Weather Maritime Training Facility
Request: Support President's Budget, $18,400,000
Account: Military Construction, USSOCOM
Project Number: P-531
Service Component: USSOCOM
Project Location: Naval Special Warfare Center Detachment Kodiak, Alaska
Project Description: Construct a 2,323 SM multi-story Cold Weather Maritime Training Facility at the Naval Special Warfare Center Detachment Kodiak, Alaska. The function spaces of the facility will include applied instruction, administrative, transient berthing, and operation gear storage. The project renovates and modernizes 1,331 SM of interior space in three buildings. A 112 SM vehicular wash rack will also be provided.

Training in this setting is essential for operations increasing faced in cold weather areas. No such cold weather training facilities offering approach from the maritime environment are readily available to SEAL Teams for training.

Project: Physical Fitness Facility
Request: Support President's Budget, $26,000,000
Account: Military Construction, Army
Project Number: 61515
Service Component: Army
Project Location: Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
Project Description: Construct an addition to the existing Physical Fitness Facility. Construct a new indoor swimming pool adjacent to the existing Fitness facility including as a minimum, two 25 meter lap swim lanes, open swim area, a diving area, a zero depth entry area, other public and support areas, including showers, restrooms, changing areas, connection to Energy Monitoring and Control System and building information systems. Primary facilities will include a baseball field, softball fields and a multi-purpose field. Supporting facilities include all site utilities and connections, exterior lighting, paving, parking, walks, curbs and gutters and information systems. The current influx of additional Soldiers and supported population is anticipated to grow over the near and long term and Physical Fitness Facilities are needed to provide quality of life facilities to support this increase in population.

Project: Upgrade Rail Line
Request: Support President's Budget, $14,800,000
Account: Military Construction, Army
Project Number: DESC1108
Service Component: Defense Logistics Agency
Project Location: Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska
Project Description: Replace 3,048 meters of 70, 75, and 90 lb rail line with 115 lb rail line. Construct 2,896 meters of secondary rail line. Work includes at-grade crossings, signage, switches and road markings. Construct a 1,375 square meter railcar offload shelter with catwalk and area lighting. Install a 63 liters per second offload header, with secondary containment and cathodic protection, capable of supporting seven railcars. Demolish substandard railroad track, supporting rail items and existing offload piping.

Report Language Requested: The Committee requests the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) provide a report no later than 180 days after enactment, on the needs of homeless veterans in the states with the highest number of veterans per capita, and how the Secretary plans to meet those needs. The Committee encourages the VA to create a pilot program for homeless Veterans giving priority to the states with the highest number of veterans per capita.

If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Kavanaugh or Cory Turner of my staff at (202) 224-3004.

Sincerely,

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