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Chair Betty McCollum Subcommittee on Defense Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 Ranking Member Ken Calvert Subcommittee on Defense Committee on Appropriations 1016 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair McCollum and Ranking Member Calvert,

We write to respectfully request that you include \$100 million for the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) in the Fiscal Year 2023 Defense Appropriations bill. DCIP is of vital importance to the well-being of our national security infrastructure and the welfare of our servicemembers and their families. It will also help communities emerge from the coronavirus pandemic by investing in important infrastructure needs.

DCIP is designed to help address deficiencies in the infrastructure near military installations. These projects support service members and their families, support readiness, and improve security. They also enhance the military value, resilience, or military family quality of life at installations.

In 2019, Congress created DCIP to assist state and local governments in addressing shortfalls in community infrastructure projects surrounding military installations. In FY2020, DCIP was appropriated \$50 million and in its first year, it received 109 proposals and awarded 16 grants. In FY21, DCIP was appropriated \$60 million and in FY22, DCIP was appropriated \$90 million. The number of proposals and significant interest in the program highlight the need for robust funding for this program.

The awards included proposals for infrastructure upgrades, community centers, facility upgrades for school districts, and early childhood centers throughout the country. Investing in the communities around military bases is the right thing to do for military families and for national security. Therefore, we urge you to include \$100 million for the Defense Community Infrastructure Program in the FY23 Defense Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

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