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The Honorable Carl Levin
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
228 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John McCain
Ranking Member
Committee on Armed Services
228 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Levin and Senator McCain:

As the Committee begins its consideration of the FY2011 National Defense Authorization Act, I am writing to request support for the following military construction projects. These projects are a good use of taxpayer funds because they meet a local, state or national public need and maintain or create jobs:

Project Name: Barracks Replacement Phase 2
Request: \$17,100,000
Account: Military Construction, Army National Guard
Project Number: 260051
Service Component: National Guard
Project Location: Camp Grayling, MI
Project Description: Funds would be used to complete the final phase of the revitalization of troop barracks by constructing Operations Readiness Training Complex (ORTC) facilities including battalion and company administrative and supply buildings, bachelor officer's quarters, enlisted barracks, and a consolidating dining facility. This project would provide training support for mission readiness and enables training for pre-mobilization and post mobilization training. This facility is required to house all visitors including out of state visiting units to the Michigan Army National Guard.

Project Name: Replace Troop Training Quarters, Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center
Request: \$9,600,000
Account: Military Construction, Army
Project Number: TDVG049136
Service Component: National Guard
Project Location: Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, MI
Project Description: This project will build a billeting facility that will house 180 personnel and will meet appropriate force protection standoff distance requirements. The current temporary block-framed structures were built in the early 1950s. The facilities do not meet the current fire protection standards and have numerous safety violations. The

current quarters provide inadequate sleeping accommodations for deploying personnel, are inefficient for processing of units and, therefore lead to a loss of quality training.

Project Name: Troop Service Support Center, Fort Custer
Request: \$5,380,000
Account: Military Construction, Army
Project Number: TDVG049136
Service Component: Army
Project Location: Fort Custer, Michigan
Project Description: This project would construct a Troop Service Support Center of permanent masonry block construction to serve the post training, education, soldier morale and welfare, recreation, and retention services. This facility is required to provide the authorized space established to adequately train, educate, and pre-mobilize soldiers utilizing the training site.

Project Name: Construct Water Tower
Request: \$1,280,000
Account: Military Construction, Army
Project Number: 260051A
Service Component: National Guard
Project Location: Camp Grayling, MI
Project Description: Funds for this project would be used to support Operational Readiness Training Complex (ORTC) barracks replacement phase two for revitalization of troop barracks. This proposed project will improve the water pressure that is a regional requirement for the life safety fire suppression systems. In addition, this project expands the capacities/capabilities of the utilities to support future expansions and developments.

Project Name: Replace Operations and Training Facility
Request: \$9,000,000
Account: Military Construction, Army National Guard
Project Number: MBMV109016
Service Component: National Guard
Project Location: Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, MI
Project Description: The current operations and training facility was built in 1967. It is undersized and requires extensive renovation to bring the space, electrical and mechanical, communications systems and fire/safety systems up to current building standards. Although the building is structurally sound, the site is inadequate because it does not allow for the increase of square footage necessary to meet headquarters space requirements. Over the years, the operations and training function has gained additional staff and tasks and therefore requires a larger space. Funds for this project would be used to provide a facility that overcomes mentioned shortfalls.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, in any congressionally-directed spending item that I requested for inclusion in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Amit Kalra from my staff at (202) 224-4822.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Debbie Stabenow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator