

# United States Senate

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Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

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Honorable Tim Johnson, Chairman  
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Subcommittee on Military Construction,  
Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies  
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U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Military Construction,  
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122 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members,

As the subcommittee begins its consideration of the fiscal year 2011 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill, we are writing to request your support for the following projects. These projects meet a local, state or national public need and maintain or create jobs:

**Project Name:** Barracks Replacement, Phase II

**Service:** Army National Guard

**Location:** Camp Grayling

**Project Number:** 260051

**Amount Requested:** \$17.1 million

**Justification/Explanation:** The soldier billeting areas of Camp Grayling were built in increments beginning in the 1950s. The current facilities do not meet existing fire protection standards, have numerous safety violations and provide inadequate sleeping accommodations for deploying personnel. The first phase of this project was funded in the Fiscal Year 2009 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

**Project Name:** Replace Troop Quarters, Phase II

**Service:** Air National Guard

**Location:** Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center

**Project Number:** TDVG049136

**Amount Requested:** \$10 million

**Justification/Explanation:** This project will build a billeting facility that will house 155 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 current fire protection standards, and have numerous safety violations. The current quarters provide inadequate sleeping accommodations for deploying personnel, inefficient processing of units and, therefore, loss of quality

training. The first phase of this project was funded in the Fiscal Year 2010 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

**Project Name:** Replace Operations and Training Facility

**Service:** Air National Guard

**Location:** Battle Creek Air National Guard Base

**Project Number:** MBMV109016 /

**Amount Requested:** \$9 million

**Justification/Explanation:** The wing headquarters operations and training facility was constructed 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. The current site is inadequate because it does not allow for the increase of square footage necessary to meet the headquarters space requirements.

**Project Name:** Light Demolition Range

**Service:** Army National Guard

**Location:** Camp Grayling

**Project Number:** 260216

**Amount Requested:** \$1.6 million

**Justification/Explanation:** Camp Grayling does not currently have adequate range facilities to meet the Light Demolition Range qualification standards and there are no other suitable Light Demolition Ranges within two hours travel distance. The proposed Light Demolition Range is comprised of five training stations, a storage bunker, supporting latrine facilities, and appropriate security features.

We certify that neither we nor our immediate family have a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that we have requested in the fiscal year 2011 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill and report, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. We further certify that we have posted a description of the items requested on our official websites, along with the accompanying justification.

We appreciate the subcommittee's consideration of our requests. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Noblet of Senator Levin's staff at 202-224-9206 or Amit Kalra of Senator Stabenow's staff at 202-224-4822.

Sincerely,



Debbie Stabenow



Carl Levin