

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$770,00 in funding for the design of an F-35 Construct Munitions Storage Area Admin & Pad in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Florida Air National Guard at Jacksonville Air National Guard Base, located at 11915 Beach Blvd, Unit 114, Jacksonville, FL 32246.

The funding would be used for completing the design on to construct an administrative facility, aircraft support equipment shop/storage facility, and aircraft support equipment yard collocated under one building for the newly assigned F-35 mission. With the F-35 bed down comes the additional mission of Air-to-Ground operations and continuation of Air-to-Air operations. This mission increase will result in inadequate office space and inert maintenance space available to support the addition of Air-to-Ground operations. The 125th Fighter Wing does not currently have munition storage or operating facilities on base that meet the new mission requirements. The new facility is required to support training of pilots and maintenance personal accompanying the arrival of F-35A aircraft starting in Fiscal Year 2024.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



John H. Rutherford
Member of Congress