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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the construction of P034 Communications Center & Infrastructure in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island, located at 5880 Channel View Blvd, Jacksonville, FL, United States 32226.

The funding would be used to replace and upgrade existing data and voice communication infrastructure throughout Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island. The project provides for a low-rise communication center that will operate and maintain data and communications systems serving Blount Island. Facility-related control systems include cybersecurity features in accordance with current Department of Defense (DoD) criteria. Blount Island Command requires a communications center to support operations locally and around the globe.

The project has a federal nexus because the requested funding would be for purposes authorized by 10 U.S.C. Chapter 169.

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

Sincerely,

John H. Rutherford

Member of Congress