

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 28, 2025

The Honorable Pete Hegseth  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Hegseth,

We write in support of the Department of Defense's Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC). Since its inception as the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) in 1961, the OLDCC has provided crucial technical and financial support to communities that support our defense missions. Nearly every U.S. state and territory has received support from OLDCC over the years, which consists of grants from the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP), the Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program (DMCSP), the Community Noise Mitigation Program, the Installation Readiness program, the Mission Realignment program, and the Public Schools on Military Installations (PSMI) program each provide niche support to our state and local communities.

Grants from OLDCC provide communities across the country with the ability to tackle important projects to better support their local military installations that they otherwise would not have been able to fund themselves. Just this past year, DCIP has funded essential projects to upgrade sewer systems, install emergency backup generators, replace water and electrical lines, fix roads, rehabilitate runways, and build new fire stations. DMCSP grants have helped strengthen the U.S. defense industrial manufacturing base and prepare our national security workforce for technologies for the future. In addition, the Mission Realignment program has been a lifeline to communities after base closures or reductions, helping revitalize the local economies of communities that faithfully supported our defense mission.

OLDCC programs are also smart investments. OLDCC collaborates with a wide variety of partners to support military readiness and resiliency while addressing community workforce and business needs. In addition, it notably leverages non-federal contributions into the defense mission, demonstrating the utility of its grant programs in furthering taxpayer dollars.

We urge your continued support of all the vital programs administered by the OLDCC and we look forward to continuing to work with the Department of Defense to ensure that our state and local communities are able to support our defense missions.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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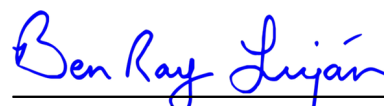
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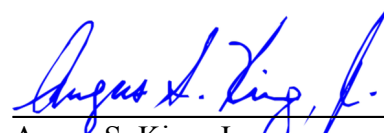
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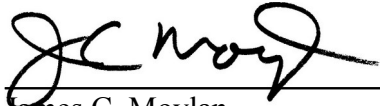
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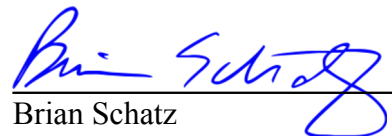
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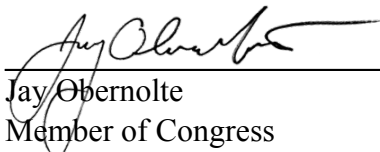
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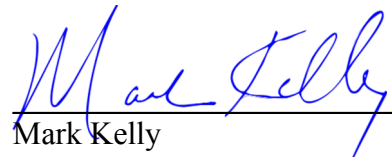
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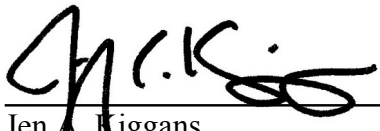
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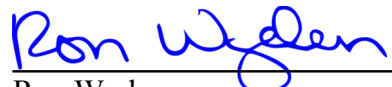
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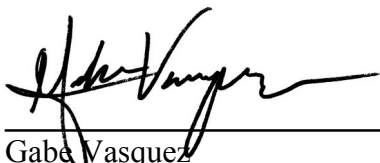
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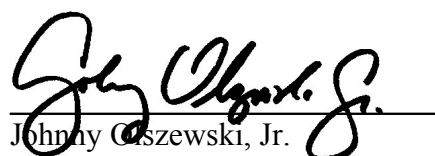
  
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