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Chairwoman Kay Granger
Defense Appropriations Subcommittee
H-405 U.S. Capitol

Dear Chairwoman Granger,

As this Subcommittee considers spending priorities for the FY2018 Defense Appropriations bill, I ask that Members consider the strategic posture of our naval nuclear-powered aircraft carrier fleet. The 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review initially recommended construction of the proper facilities to house a carrier group at Mayport, FL and each subsequent Navy Secretary and Chief of Naval Operations has repeatedly validated this decision. At present, our nation has only one carrier based on the eastern seaboard, at Norfolk, VA, which presents numerous operational limitations and heightens the risk posed to some of our nation's most precious assets.

I respectfully request that the FY2018 Defense Appropriations bill include the necessary funding to bring Mayport up to readiness to homeport a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

Sincerely,



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Dear Chairwoman Granger,

To properly serve as our nation's Air Force Auxiliary, I respectfully request that this Subcommittee provide \$43.1 million for the Civil Air Patrol in the FY2018 Defense Appropriations bill.

CAP is in need of funds to comply with FAA mandates and needed technological upgrades to their air fleet, such as avionics, cybersecurity and communications equipment. These upgrades are necessary to allow CAP to fulfill its congressional mandate, performing such roles as: search and rescue, disaster relief, and homeland security support.

I ask the Subcommittee to appropriate a total of \$43.1 million to the Civil Air Patrol, with \$30.8 million going to the Operations and Maintenance Account, \$10.6 million going for aircraft, and \$1.7 million for vehicles.

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