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The Honorable Mac Thornberry
Chairman
Committee on the Armed Services
US House of Representatives
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The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Thornberry and Ranking Member Smith:

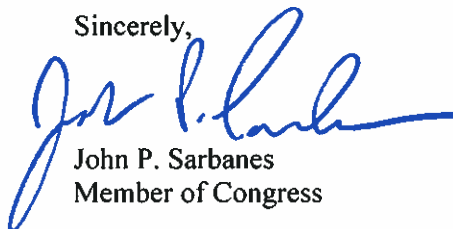
I submit this testimony to express my strong support for two important military construction projects at Fort George G. Meade for the National Security Agency (NSA). These projects – the NSAW Campus Buildings Feeders Phase 2 and the NSAW Recapitalization Building #2, Increment 1 – are both in the President's FY 2016 budget.

I support authorization of the NSAW Campus Buildings Feeders Phase 2 Project. The existing feeders and physical infrastructure surrounding them have exceeded their service lives and are not able to meet requirements for the increasing power demand. Upgrading the feeder size and building them to modern standards will contribute to overall improved electrical reliability across the NSA campus. As the NSAW campus electrical loads increase to meet demand, the risks of unplanned outages resulting from excessive thermal loading poses a risk to the currently inadequate electrical distribution duct bank, conduits, and medium voltage power feeds. Without this project, NSAW will continue operating under progressively reduced levels of power reliability.

I also support authorization of the NSAW Recapitalization Building #2, Increment 1 project. The NSA recapitalization plan calls for the phased replacement of aging facilities that have exceeded their service life and can no longer support the technology required for new missions. This facility is needed to provide an environment necessary for support mission operations. With authorization for this project, NSA will be able to further implement the recapitalization plan, and will not continue to overburden existing facilities and infrastructure, which impedes the ability to effectively operate and meet its mission.

Ft. Meade has continued to grow as other military installations have shrunk because of the critical role it plays in our Nation's security. As home to the NSA and to U.S. Cyber Command, Ft. Meade is at the forefront of the modernization of our Armed Services, and I urge the Committee's support for these necessary improvements.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress