

House Armed Services Committee

Member Day

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Thank you, Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Smith for holding this hearing. I'm grateful for the opportunity to come before the Committee and share the defense priorities for the Hoosiers in my district.

My district is proudly home to AM General who has been manufacturing Humvees for the U.S. military for the past 40 years. They have strived to constantly innovate to make Humvees safer, more effective, and more reliable for our warfighters. As a result, the Humvee has served on countless missions at home and abroad. Currently, the National Guard is deploying with Humvees in their mission to secure the southern border.

In addition to Humvees, AM General also invested in a new facility to manufacture Joint Lightweight Tactical Vehicles A2 variant or JLTV A2. The JLTV A2 has a greater payload, blast protection, and armoring capability due to its weight and size relative to the Humvee.

The JLTV A2 is now in production in a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility and features more than 250 enhancements to the original JLTV which provides greater mobility, reliability, and technological capabilities.

In April, Army Secretary Dan Driscoll announced a new modernization plan for the Army which included eliminating the Humvee and JLTV. I fully understand and support the need to evaluate defense spending in order to adequately prepare for future warfare. However, this announcement was disappointing news for Indiana.

AM General alone proudly employs more than 1,100 hardworking Americans across their Midwest facilities. The broader light tactical vehicle -- or LTV-- industrial base stretches across 43 states and over 1,100 supplier businesses.

My staff and I have been actively engaging with Secretary Driscoll, the Administration, state and local officials, and AM General to understand the modernization strategy and the implementation process.

Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member Smith, I ask that as you engage with the Department of Defense, you work to gain more information on the implementation and timeline of the Army's modernization plans.

I'm happy to partner with you throughout this process and provide you with any information you need as these discussions continue.

I know AM General can play a strong role in equipping our warfighters for decades to come, so I ask that you keep them at the table as discussions around the future of Humvee and JLTV continue.

I yield back the balance of my time.