

Chairwoman Wasserman Schultz, Ranking Member Carter, and distinguished members of the Subcommittee, I'm honored to represent our Airmen today. Thank you for this opportunity to appear before you and address this important topic.

I have submitted my full written statement for the record which details some of the significant ongoing efforts in the Air Force installations, environment, and energy portfolio.

On February 15, 2019, the President declared that a national emergency exists at the southern border of the United States that requires the use of the armed forces, making available certain emergency authorities, including Section 2808 of Title 10, U.S. Code.

If the Acting Secretary of Defense determines that the use of Section 2808 is necessary, the Air Force will work with the Department of Defense to identify MILCON projects that could be used as funding sources, to support the use of the armed forces in connection with the national emergency.

On behalf of our Airmen and their families, please accept our sincere thanks for your strong and continued support of our Air Force. I look forward to your questions.