

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Pete Hegseth
Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
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Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Hegseth:

As your Department works to finalize plans for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) funding, we write to you today to emphasize the importance of a fire station military construction project at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station (YARS) in Ohio. Located in Trumbull County, YARS is home to the 910th Airlift Wing, which has a tactical airlift mission and is tasked with the Department of Defense's sole aerial spray mission. As the base continues its transition to the new C-130J airframe, the facility has received widespread support for a new fire station to meet the mission requirements of this airframe investment.

In Fiscal Year 2024, YARS received \$2.5 million for the planning and design of a new fire station.¹ It is now ready to move forward with construction so that our airmen and reservists in Northeast Ohio are adequately equipped to meet their critical mission responsibilities.

The \$25 million fire station project was included in the FY25 Air Force Reserve (AFR) budget request for military construction projects.² The project was authorized in the FY25 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which passed both chambers of Congress last year with strong bipartisan support.³ Full funding of \$25 million for this project was also included in both the House⁴ and Senate⁵ FY25 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations bills last year. The House FY25 bill passed through the full chamber with bipartisan support, and the Senate FY25 bill was approved unanimously by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Given the clear recognition of the importance of this project at the Pentagon and in Congress, it is our hope that \$25 million will be designated for construction of the YARS fire station through the funds provided by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025, signed into law by President Trump on March 15, 2025.⁶

¹ Pub. L. 118-42.

² Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense. *Department of Defense Budget Fiscal Year 2025: Military Construction, Family Housing, and Base Realignment and Closure Program (C-1)*. (March 2024). https://comptroller.defense.gov/Portals/45/Documents/defbudget/FY2025/FY2025_c1.pdf.

³ Pub. L. 118-159.

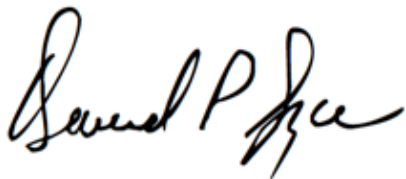
⁴ H. Rept. 118-528 (2024). <https://www.congress.gov/congressional-report/118th-congress/house-report/528/1?s=3&r=2>.

⁵ S. Rept. 118-191 (2024). <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/FY25%20MCVA%20Senate%20Report.pdf>.

⁶ Pub. L. 119-4.

Thank you for your continued service to our nation and your consideration of this request. We stand ready to assist in this effort in any way that we can and look forward to partnering on additional initiatives that will benefit our warfighters in Northeast Ohio and across the country.

Sincerely,



David P. Joyce
Member of Congress



Bernie Moreno
United States Senator



Jon Husted
United States Senator



Michael A. Rulli
Member of Congress



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