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SPENCE REACTS TO LINE ITEM VETO OF MILITARY CONSTRUCTION BILL

I am extremely disappointed that the President chose to exercise the line-item veto on the military construction appropriations bill. Military infrastructure has been neglected for years and the severe problems are widespread and well documented. The President is asking a growing number of our men and women in uniform and their families to live and work in antiquated facilities. In fact, the President's budget request was \$1.6 billion less than current spending levels. Along with a lot of other members of Congress, I find the situation to be simply intolerable. Yet today, instead of working with Congress, the President has chosen confrontation in the name of making political points – and all at the expense of our military personnel.

