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**STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN JOEL HEFLEY
SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES**

HEARING ON THE FY1998 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION BUDGET REQUEST

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This afternoon, the Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities meets to conclude its hearings prior to consideration of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 as part of the annual defense authorization process.

We will bring these hearings to a close by taking testimony from a number of distinguished members of Congress who have raised concerns about shortfalls in the Administration's FY1998 budget request. I want to welcome each of my colleagues to the subcommittee today and to thank them in advance for their contribution. I look forward to hearing their views. Following their testimony, the subcommittee will hear from a panel of public witnesses representing several important non-governmental organizations whose perspectives on the challenges confronting the management and resourcing of the Nation's military installations and facilities have always proven helpful.