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The Honorable Duncan L. Hunter
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman

Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2811, this letter is to notify you that the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Installations) has approved a \$23.5M repair project at Pope AFB, NC to repair the Blue Ramp Apron. The Air Force is currently working to identify funds in the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) appropriation for this project.

The majority of concrete on this ramp is over 35 years old. This area of the parking apron is the largest contributor to Foreign Object Debris (FOD). The existing shattered slabs reduce the slabs weight bearing capacity and contribute to the formation of spalls. The FOD can damage C-130 airframes as well as damage other aircraft as FOD is introduced to other parts of the airfield from the Blue Ramp. In addition, several areas used to load aircraft are un-level, limiting aircraft load/unload areas and preventing maintenance personnel from jacking the aircraft. This project will replace the damaged 13-inch thick concrete slabs as required. The project includes crack and corner break repair, joint sealant, and restriping. It also installs mooring eyes with depression molds.

We have chosen to accomplish this project under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 2811. The work is classified as repair and the use of operation and maintenance funds provides the flexibility to plan the work with minimum disruption to operations while balancing our operation and maintenance and military construction programs.

A similar letter has been sent to the Ranking Minority Member of your Committee.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred W. Kuhn".

FRED W. KUHN
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
(Installations)