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**VOTE YES ON H.R. 4546**

**VOTE YES FOR MILITARY READINESS**

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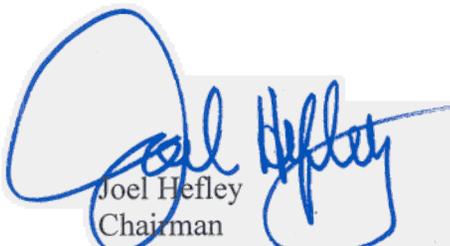
This year we find our military troops spread across the globe fighting the war against terrorism and conducting contingency operations. One great factor for our success thus far has been the extensive training provided to our military men and women. Our troops are also receiving the necessary spare parts to keep our equipment running. Success is not easy – but there are no other options.

H.R. 4546 provides the military services the funding absolutely necessary to succeed in the war against terrorism. Included in the bill is \$78.4 billion for critical readiness accounts, that is an increase of \$4.8 billion. Included in this increase is \$1.7 billion for flight operations—so necessary in the current war. There is included an additional \$586 million for increased ground forces operations. And especially important, there is included an additional \$1.7 billion for facility maintenance and base operations—absolutely critical to maintain an acceptable quality of life for our military men and women. There is additional funding for spare parts, training, and the logistical support needed to maintain our military forces in these trying times.

H.R. 4546 ensures our military will continue to win each battle and eventually the war. Nothing less is acceptable.

Vote YES on H.R. 4546. Vote yes to maintain military readiness.

Sincerely,

  
Joel Hefley  
Chairman  
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Solomon P. Ortiz  
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