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The Honorable Joel Hefley
Chairman, Subcommittee on Readiness
Committee on Armed Services
2120 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman

This letter is to notify you that I have approved facility repair work at Travis AFB, California to repair the David Grant Medical Center. The Air Force is currently working to identify $13.6M in the Defense Health Programs (DHP) appropriation required to fund this project. Because this work exceeds the notification limits established by Congress, we are notifying you at this time.

The repair will occur in two phases. The first phase, scheduled for FY03, will repair an outdated fire detection/alarm system and fire shutters to meet current standards. It will anchor current shelving for seismic compliance and install Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) required eye wash stations. It will also repair window and canopy leaks, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) digital controls, and the facility's fire suppression system. The second phase, scheduled for FY04, includes repairing building security to current standards, converting a no-longer-needed water lab into required office space, and repairing an ultrasound room, the facility's south entrance, HVAC mechanical equipment, and the kitchen serving line.

We have chosen to accomplish this work under the authority of Title 10 United States Code, Section 2811. The work is classified as repair and the use of DHP 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 Subcommittee.

Sincerely

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