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March 13, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Creech AFB – RPA Reconnaissance Operations/Training Facility in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Creech Air Force Base, located at Indian Springs, NV 89018. The funding would be used for the construction of a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Reconnaissance Operations / Training Facility at Creech Air Force Base (Creech AFB). The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Creech AFB regularly conducts approximately 50,000 RPA takeoffs and landings per year. The 44th Reconnaissance Squadron operates on the installation out of three aging inadequate facilities and two temporary trailers. This lack of centralization decreases the ability of the organization to operate, maintain its support commitments, and capture synergies among its individual sections. The RPA Reconnaissance Operations / Training Facility would house Command Staff, Operations, Mission Planning, Scheduling, Standards and Evaluation, Test, Communications, Security, and administrative personnel from the 44th Reconnaissance Squadron. This facility will restructure, expand, and centralize operations throughout the unit thereby capturing the maximum number of organizational synergies for continued global reconnaissance operations.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 10 U.S.C. Chapter 169 and the National Defense Authorization Act.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susie Lee".

Susie Lee  
Member of Congress