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Senator John Reagan, Chairman
Senate Capital Budget Committee
Legislative Office Building Room 101
North Main Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Senator Reagan,

We would like to address some concerns we have with the House's Capital Budget versus what our agency requested. The House's Capital Budget of \$600,000 in General Funds to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services is a step in the right direction that addresses one of our top four priorities. It provides funding to our #4 priority that also leverages matching federal funds at a 50%/50% federal/state cost share. These funds will allow us to sustain our seventeen critically aging and outdated "Cold War-Era" Readiness Centers (commonly referred to as armories) by replacing out of warranty roofs.

Last fall, National Guard Bureau accepted an exception to policy (ETP) request that will now fund our #2 priority, Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection – Merrimack County, at 100% federally reimbursed.

Of our top four priorities, this leaves us with two significant concerns that we would like to bring to your attention:

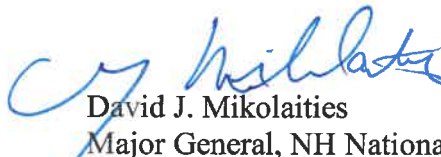
1. **Original Request - Priority #1 Land \$500,000 (\$500,000 General Funds): no funds were appropriated**

- **We are requesting a total of \$500,000 General Funds.**
- When building large military construction (MILCON) projects, land acquisition is a state responsibility. In the past decade, the New Hampshire Army National Guard has built two new maintenance facilities, one new readiness center, and four readiness center additions for a total of \$37-million, all 100% federally reimbursed. In the next five years, we will be constructing two new readiness centers, one readiness center addition and one maintenance facility for a total of \$40-million, all 100% federally reimbursed.
- We are at an inflection point where our existing parcels are limited in size and cannot accommodate new readiness centers without buying abutting properties or purchasing new land in areas where we currently do not have readiness centers.

2. **Original Request - Priority #3: Energy Resiliency and Efficiency Improvements Statewide \$1,750,000 (\$875,000 General Funds, \$875,000 Federal Funds): no funds were appropriated**
- **We are requesting \$400,000 of General Funds that will be matched with \$400,000 of Federal Funds for a total of \$800,000.**
 - Fifteen of our seventeen “Cold War-Era” Readiness Centers across the state were constructed in the 1950’s, with our two oldest being constructed circa 1880 and 1935. If a boiler or hot water tank was to fail, we lack funding to replace these failed systems. This request would include any projects that would reduce our utility consumption or improve our infrastructure resiliency. This may include a micro-grid at our State Military Reservation in Concord, boiler replacement projects statewide (most Lochinvar boilers are entering their life cycle replacement window in the next 2 years), LED conversion, window replacements at Readiness Centers from single pane aluminum frame to modern energy efficient windows or thermal envelope improvements. This project is critical to the continued operation of Readiness Centers for use in training, administering and deploying service members.

Thank you for your continued support of the New Hampshire National Guard and taking the time to discuss our Department’s mission requirements.

Respectfully submitted,



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