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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the modernization of Selfridge Air National Guard Base (ANGB) for the anticipated Next-Generation Fighter Mission.

This project is being requested to implement and modernize the facilities of Selfridge ANGB following President Trump's Strategic Basing Decision to station 20 F-15EXs arriving in FY28 at Selfridge in addition to the already planned bed down of KC-46As the base is set to receive.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the strategic basing of the F-15EX Eagle II and KC-46A Pegasus aircraft at Selfridge Air National Guard Base is a critical enhancement to our nation's homeland defense. To operationalize these advanced airframes and secure Selfridge's vital role in protecting the northern border, immediate and comprehensive infrastructure modernization is imperative. This initial phase requires an investment of \$638 million to ensure the 127th Wing can execute its mission without delay.

In alignment with the National Defense Strategy, which prioritizes defending the homeland, the strategic location of Selfridge ANGB and the superior capabilities of the F-15EX make it a linchpin in our national security architecture. To realize this potential, a clearly defined and fully funded roadmap for infrastructure development is a requirement. While the commitment to base new aircraft at Selfridge is a significant victory, the mission is incomplete until these 21st-century facilities are in place. We must ensure the Air Force provides an executable and fully funded plan to support the Citizen-Airman of the 127th Wing as they defend our nation.

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, appearing to read "John James", written over a horizontal line.

John James  
Member of Congress