

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1406

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-310, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Indiana National Guard Aircraft Maintenance Hangar in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Indiana Army National Guard located at 3556 N Michigan Rd, Shelbyville, IN 46172. The funding would be used to begin engineering and design to update and modify an aircraft hangar.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project supports the 38th Aviation CBT BDE and will upgrade the inefficient maintenance structure. It increases readiness of aviation assets by providing the required specialty shops and right-sized maintenance bays for the current 13 fielded modern aircraft.

The current hangar was designed and built for two-bladed aircraft. The four blades of the Blackhawk reduce the number of aircraft it can hold and increases the risk of damage to blades when moving aircraft in and out. Additionally, movement of aircraft requires six personnel (approx. 4-man hours) to move one aircraft to the flight line and decreases storage capability by half.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in Section 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,



Jefferson Shreve
Member of Congress