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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Power Independence Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Buckley Space Force Base, located at 510 South Aspen St, Buckley SFB, CO 90011-9572. The funding would be used for the Power Independence Project at Buckley SFB CO, which is the US Space Force #1 FY25 Unfunded Priority. Failure to accelerate this project will have critical operational impacts in the ability to field new Missile Warning capabilities due to current power capacity limits. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because funding this project in FY25 is a national security imperative. Currently this project is funded as a FY27 MILCON project which is late to need. Based on current power capacity challenges, Buckley SFB will reach current power capacity early in FY27, delaying the fielding of two new missile warning/missile tracking capabilities. Since this project will take 18 months to 2 years to complete, funding in FY25 is crucial and why this has been ranked as the USSF # 1 priority. Failure to support this request drives critical operational shortfalls and dramatically increases national security risk for a minimum of two years.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 10 U.S.C. Chapter 169.

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

Sincerely,

Jason Crow Member of Congress