

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 29, 2025

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The Honorable Adam Smith
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Rogers, Chairman Wicker, Ranking Member Smith, and Ranking Member Reed:

As the House and Senate meet to resolve their differences within the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), we respectfully request that the House-passed language of *Section 143, the modification to minimum inventory requirement for A-10 Aircraft*, remain in the final conferenced text.

Early retirement of the A-10 Thunderbolt II Aircraft fleet could negatively impact Air National Guard Bases like Selfridge in Michigan and Gowen Field in Idaho. While both bases have planned for the divestment of the A-10s prior to receiving the F-15EXs and the F-16s, an expedited retirement of the A-10s would have negative consequences on their workforce, including pilots losing currency and certification, as well as maintaining proficiency due to the lack of airframes on which to work.

While we are encouraged to see that both the Senate and the House proposals include language that sets a minimum A-10 fleet size and prohibits early retirement without congressional approval, we believe the House language is stronger and will ensure the A-10 Thunderbolt II Aircraft fleet cannot be retired earlier than planned. In a world of growing instability, our nation needs every warfighter available. Early retirement of the A-10s would be detrimental to our national security and undermine our fighter fleet. The current House language will ensure missions can continue uninterrupted as the original divestment at bases like Selfridge and Gowen Field proceeds as planned.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



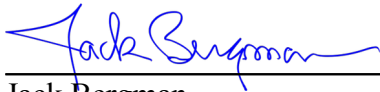
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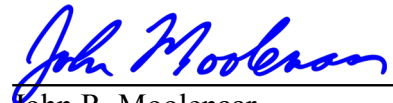
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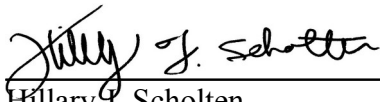
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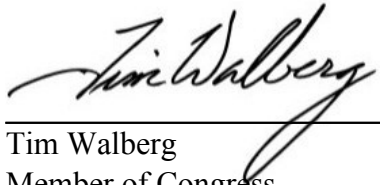
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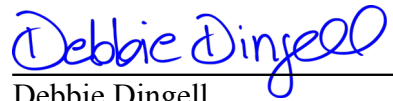
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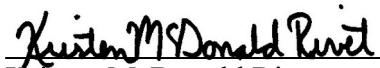
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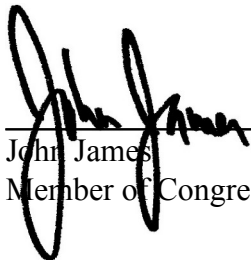
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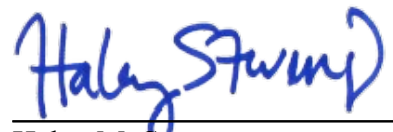
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