

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 14, 2023

The Honorable Jon Tester
Chair, Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Tester and Ranking Member Collins:

We write to request your support for Impact Aid in the Fiscal Year 2024 Defense Appropriations bill in order to assist school districts with high concentrations of military students and school districts that enroll children of military families who have severe disabilities.

Providing a high-quality education for the children of our men and women in uniform is a military readiness issue. Our service members rely on local school districts to provide a supportive, safe, and secure learning environment for their children. Today, there are more than 980,000 children of active-duty personnel. More than one third of these children receive their education from heavily impacted public-school districts. Support for military families begins by supporting the children of the military serving our nation.

Impact Aid funding for military children began in 1990 to help school districts with high concentrations of military students. In order to qualify, a school district must have an enrollment of at least 20% military children. More than 100 school districts qualify for the program based on this criterion. Over 30 school districts received critical additional support for military children with severe disabilities. Family stress, continued high deployment, and the increased special needs for children with disabilities make additional resources for school districts a real lifeline for military families.

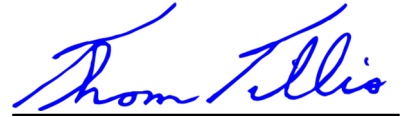
Congressional commitment to military children is now more important than ever, as they struggle with their parents' multiple deployments. Our military families give so much as they proudly defend our nation. We must do everything we can to assure them that their children are provided the best possible education programs.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our men and women in uniform and their families, and for your thoughtful consideration of this request to at least maintain the Fiscal Year 2023 funding level for these programs in Fiscal Year 2024.

Sincerely,



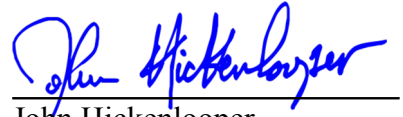
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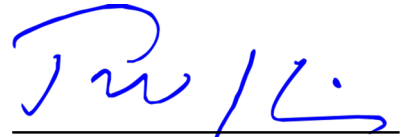
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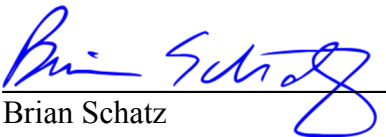
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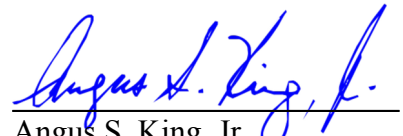
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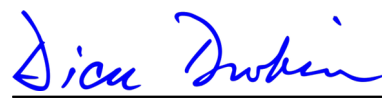
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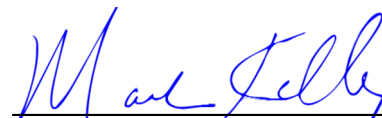
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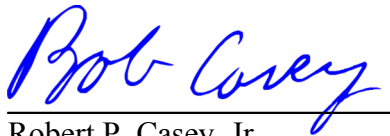
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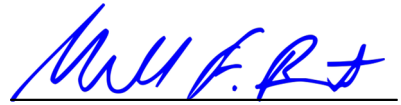
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Defense Group Letter Table
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124515	DEF Group	[Title II]/[DODEA]/[Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide]/[Department of Defense Education Activity]/[---]/[---]/[OMDW]/[420]/[4GTJ] [Member Staff] - Carolyn Chuhta Carolyn_Chuhta@armed-services.senate.gov 202-224-8682	DOD Impact Aid [Member's Request (text)] - At least FY23 enacted levels	\$999

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Member/s:	Reed, Jack(D-RI); Bennet, Michael(D-CO); Booker, Cory(D-NJ); Brown, Sherrod(D-OH); Cantwell, Maria(D-WA); Casey, Robert(D-PA); Cortez Masto, Catherine(D-NV); Cramer, Kevin(R-ND); Duckworth, Tammy(D-IL); Durbin, Richard(D-IL); Feinstein, Dianne(D-CA); Gillibrand, Kirsten(D-NY); Hickenlooper, John(D-CO); Hirono, Mazie(D-HI); Kaine, Tim(D-VA); Kelly, Mark(D-AZ); King, Angus(I-ME); Marshall, Roger(R-KS); Padilla, Alex(D-CA); Rosen, Jacky(D-NV); Schatz, Brian(D-HI); Tillis, Thom(R-NC); Warner, Mark(D-VA); Warnock, Raphael(D-GA); Warren, Elizabeth(D-MA)	Subcommittee:	DEF
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Justification:	Support for school districts with high concentrations of military students and school districts that enroll children of military families with severe disabilities.		
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