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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the proposed Child Development Center at Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) China Lake in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is NAWS China Lake, located at 1 Administration Circle, China Lake, California 93555.

The proposed Child Development Center at NAWS China Lake is important because this project would replace a facility that is pre-fabricated, aging, and is beyond its useful life. The current facility is not adequate to support the current demand for childcare, a critical element of supporting the families of uniformed service members and their civilian counterparts. By investing in planning and design for the proposed Child Development Center, this project would advance faster than currently scheduled, and the Navy personnel at NAWS China Lake would benefit from a better facility, improving safety, strengthening efficiency, and increasing morale.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because this request would fund planning and design for a new Child Development Center at NAWS China Lake, which is needed to support the families of Navy personnel. 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,

VINCE FONG Member of Congress