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The Honorable Charlie Dent
Chairman
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and
Related Agencies
HVC-227 The Capitol
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The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Dent and Ranking Member Wasserman Schultz:

A better understanding of climate change and its associated impacts are critical to the mission of
protecting our military assets and personnel, and ensuring that funding made available by this
subcommittee is spent judiciously. As you know, there are a number of military installations and
equipment domestically and internationally which face threats related to climate change, including coastal
erosion, increased incidence of wildfire, sea-level rise, severe weather events, and increased tidal
flooding.

One example of this is the Naval Station at Norfolk, Virginia which floods an estimated ten times
a year. The Naval Station at Norfolk and other coastal military installations have seen tangible operational
impacts due to changing climatic patterns which must be accounted for. Additionally, many military
leaders have said that installations that rely on renewable energy, and operate independently of a major
power grid, are more secure.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the committee include the following language in the
Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies Consolidated Appropriations Act for
Fiscal Year 2018.

_Climate change poses a significant threat to our national security. From sea level rise to increased
drought and flooding across the country and the world, proper defense planning must include
considerations related to climate change impacts. Funds made available within this bill for the
Department of Defense should be used to plan infrastructure and other projects using the best available
data and science on climate change to mitigate risks to our military assets and armed forces serving
domestically and abroad._

We thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our request and look forward to its inclusion
within the underlying legislation.

Sincerely,

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