

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable John McCain
Chairman
Senate Armed Services Committee
228 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
Senate Armed Services Committee
228 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman McCain and Ranking Member Reed,

As you weigh our national security priorities during the consideration of the Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act, I write to request your support for construction of a new automated machine gun range at the Ohio National Guard's Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center in Ohio.

President Trump's FY 2019 Budget proposes \$7.4 million to expand firing range capabilities for the Ohio National Guard at Camp Ravenna. Camp Ravenna serves as the primary training resource of the Ohio Army National Guard. The Ohio Army National Guard, along with the Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, have worked to prepare the installation for this range construction.

A new automated multi-purpose machine gun range will give the Ohio Army National Guard an important, new training capability. It will provide soldiers a realistic environment to meet their training requirements that currently is not available in the state.

Thank you for your attention to this important project.

Sincerely,



Rob Portman