

# 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 Intelligence Production Complex facilities for the National Air and Space Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

President Trump's FY 2019 Budget proposes \$116 million in funding to upgrade NASIC's facilities. NASIC's main campus facilities are overcrowded and require modernization to meet today's missions. With significant total force growth that has outpaced their facility growth, NASIC has been forced to utilize antiquated World War II era facilities on base and temporary structures. This investment in NASIC infrastructure will provide the command with much needed secure spaces that meet the demands of the growing workforce and the associated information technology requirements of modern facilities.

The National Defense Strategy highlights the harsh realities of the threats we face in the world and the steps we need to take to confront them. NASIC will continue to play an important role providing the nation and our leaders with an understanding of foreign threats to U.S. air and space operations. These new Intelligence Production Complex facilities will make a difference to our Airmen and Air Force Civilians at NASIC providing them the facilities they need to perform their important mission.

Thank you for your attention to this important project.

Sincerely,



Rob Portman