

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Pete Hegseth
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Secretary Hegseth:


I write to follow up on the commitments you made during the House Armed Services Committee hearing on April 29, 2026 related to the Department's quality of life spending in my district. Throughout the hearing — during which you testified on the \$1.5 trillion FY27 budget request for the Department of Defense — you assured me that the Department was fully committed to improving quality of life for service members and their families and would provide a list of every dollar being spent to improve military quality of life in New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District since the start of this Administration.

In addition to the unprecedented \$1.5 trillion FY27 budget request, the Department received a historic \$1 trillion in FY26, including \$9 billion under H.R. 1 (P.L. 119-21) to improve troops' quality of life. However, I have yet to see a single dollar of those investments directed to installations in my district. To ensure that servicemembers in New Mexico are receiving proper attention from the Department of Defense, I am requesting a list with details of the Department's funding that has been allocated towards military quality of life improvements in my district since January 20, 2025 including:

1. Past, current, or future **construction proposals** for on-base family housing, unaccompanied barracks, child development centers, medical treatment facilities, dining facilities, post exchanges, physical fitness facilities, commissaries, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) facilities or any other relevant infrastructure that support military quality of life.
2. Past, current, or future **maintenance, remediation, or repair plans** for on-base family housing, unaccompanied barracks, child development centers, medical treatment facilities, dining facilities, post exchanges, physical fitness facilities, commissaries, MWR facilities or any other relevant infrastructure that support military quality of life.
3. Past, current, or future **civilian hiring or spending on services** that supports the management of on-base family housing, unaccompanied barracks, child development centers, medical treatment facilities, dining facilities, post exchanges, physical fitness facilities, commissaries, MWR facilities or any other relevant infrastructure that support military quality of life.

As discussed during the hearing, I respectfully request this list no later than May 29, 2026 – 30 days from your original commitment. I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,



Gabe Vasquez
Member of Congress