



## COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS CATE

SIXTH DISTRICT  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

March 1, 2019

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

The City of San Diego is proud to be called home to both Naval Base San Diego and Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar. Naval Base San Diego is the principal homeport of the Pacific Fleet, with over 50 ships docked in the harbor. MCAS Miramar houses the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing, serving as a community asset to the City, and to the nation as a hub of Marine Corps Air Power. The City of San Diego believes that both installations serve as an integral part of the national defense.

According to the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill of 2019, there is over \$188 million in funding identified for necessary projects at Naval Base San Diego and MCAS Miramar. This funding is necessary for critical infrastructure projects at both installations. MCAS Miramar is slated to fly the F-35 with over \$20 million allocated for the much-needed vertical landing pads and taxiways on the flight line. Any loss of funding for these projects would be extremely detrimental to our military readiness and the San Diego region.

As a representative of the Sixth District of the City of San Diego, I respectfully request that the White House reconsider their decision to appropriate funding designated for military and defense infrastructure projects. I respectfully request that this Administration preserve unobligated funding allocated for military construction projects. It is of utmost importance that these funds remain purposed for our essential military facilities and preserving a strong national defense. It is imperative that our military have the necessary funding to maintain its constant level of readiness at all times.

Sincerely,

Chris Cate  
Councilmember, Sixth District

CC: Acting Secretary of Defense and all members of the San Diego Congressional Delegation

The Honorable Patrick M. Shanahan, Acting Secretary of Defense  
The Honorable Mike Levin, Representative 49<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
The Honorable Duncan D. Hunter, Representative 50<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
The Honorable Juan Vargas, Representative 51<sup>st</sup> Congressional District  
The Honorable Scott Peters, Representative 52<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District  
The Honorable Susan Davis, Representative 53<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District