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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515  
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ALABAMA, 7TH DISTRICT

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the construction of the Services Training Facility at Sumpter Smith Air National Guard Base in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is \$15,000,000, located at the 117<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, 5401 East Lake Blvd, Birmingham, AL 35217.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would be used to construct a Services Training Facility to accommodate the current mission of the 117<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing. Currently, the 117<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, 99<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, and 117<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron base support and service functions are performed out of multiple, badly deteriorated facilities, including Buildings 202 and 205 which will be demolished as a part of this project. The continued use of these structures presents a direct risk to personnel and degrades mission support, greater emphasizing the need for funding of this project.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 10 U.S.C. Chapter 169 and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, P.L. 117-81. The project was reprogrammed as Project BRKR259001 due to costs that exceeded the appropriated amount in Project BRKR009063.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Terri A. Sewell  
Member of Congress