

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 7, 2016

The Honorable Patrick Murphy
Secretary of the Army (Acting)
101 Army Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20310-0101

Dear Secretary Murphy,

We are writing to express our concern over the U.S. Army's Fiscal Year 2017 budget request for the Warfighter Information Network-Tactical (WIN-T) program. WIN-T is in full-rate production and is deployed around the world today, but we are troubled by the Army's drastically reduced request for funding of the program in Fiscal Year 2017.

WIN-T Increment 2 is mission command on the move, providing soldiers with secure voice, video, and data where no communication infrastructure exists. In its FY 2017 Budget Overview, the Department of Defense specifically lists WIN-T as one of the Army's top five modernization programs with the highest operational return. To quote, "The WIN-T is a proven vital system that provides a demonstrated advantage in distributed communications well into the next decade."

Given these clear benefits, it is concerning that the Army is requesting just \$437 million for the overall WIN-T program, including \$292 million for WIN-T Increment 2. This funding level is markedly less than what the Army planned to spend in FY 2017 and even what Congress enacted in Fiscal Year 2016. The request would support just two division sets of WIN-T Increment 2 when the Army itself has stated the ideal annual procurement rate is six to ten units per year. At this low rate, we will never fully achieve the benefits of this critical network communication capability across the Army.

As Congress considers the Army's FY2017 budget request and crafts both the FY2017 National Defense Authorization Act and the Defense Appropriations Act, we would welcome your insight and support during this process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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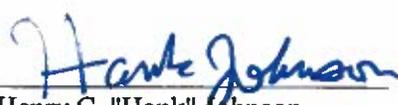

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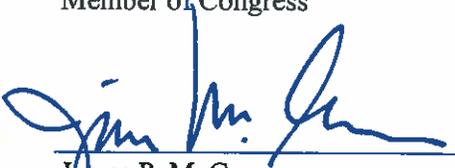

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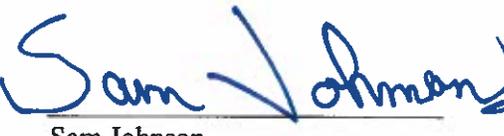

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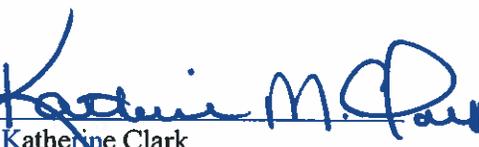

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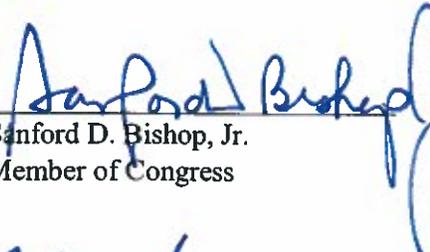

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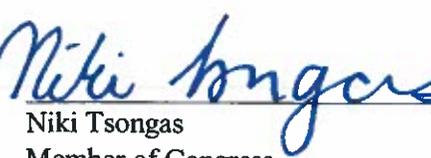

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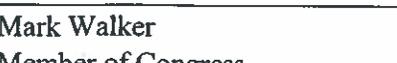

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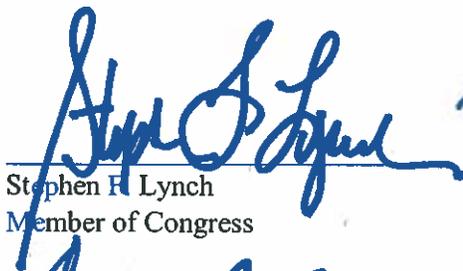

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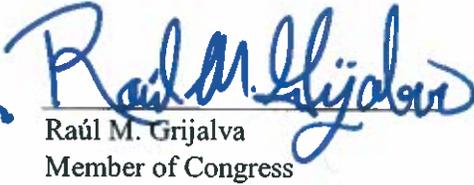

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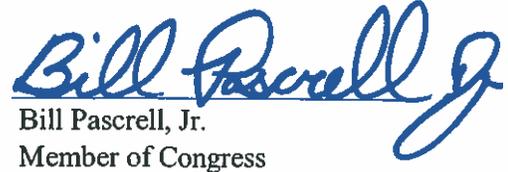

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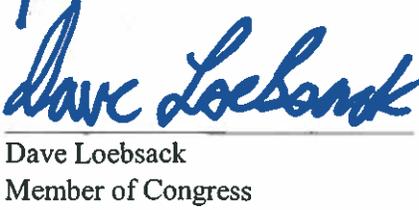
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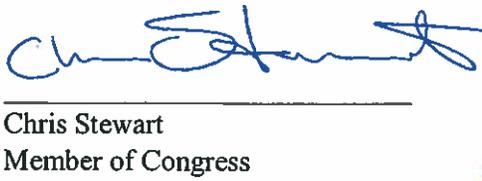
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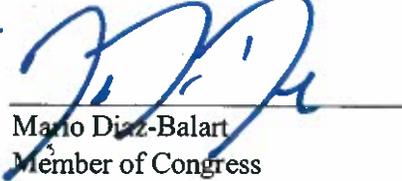
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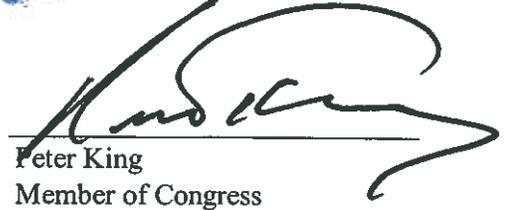
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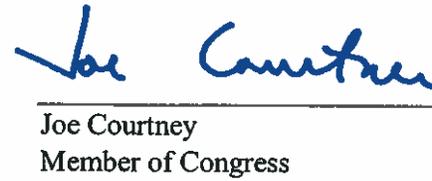
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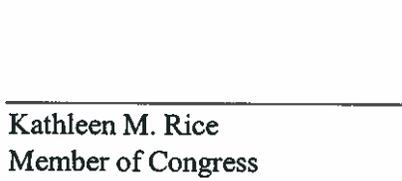
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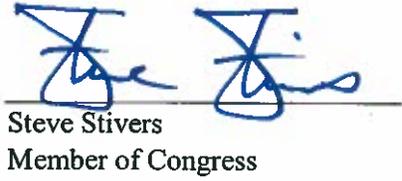
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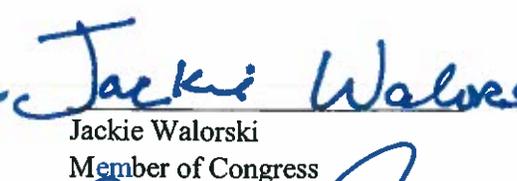
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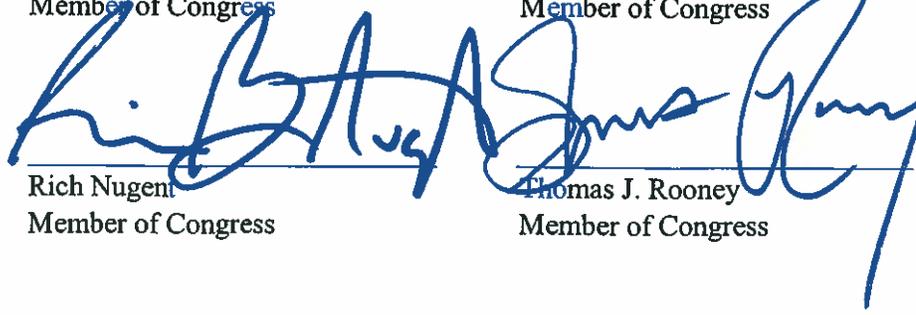
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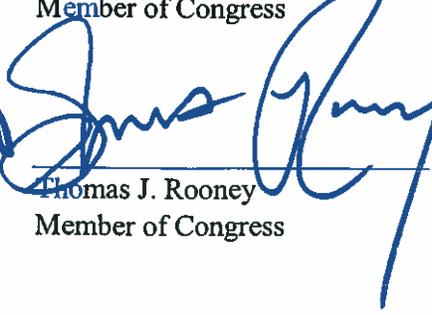
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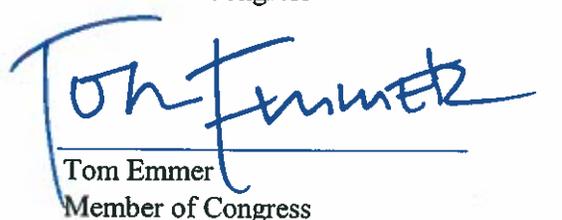
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