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March 13, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for construction of a F-35 FTU Academic Training Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is 173d Fighter Wing, Kingsley Field, located at 211 Arnold Ave. bldg. A, Klamath Falls Oregon, 97603.

The funding would be used for an adequately sized, properly configured, environmentally safe, and energy efficient academic training center facility for the purpose of conducting flight simulator training in support of the 173d Fighter Wing F-35 pilot training mission. The training facility requires six bays capable of supporting four FMS simulators and eight MMRT simulators, and both secure and collateral flight training classroom areas for student use. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base has been selected to host a FTU squadron of F-35A aircraft at the 173rd Flight Wing at Kingsley Field. In order to maintain combat capability and mission readiness, Kingsley Field requires the necessary beddown, operation, and associated infrastructure construction to adequately train pilots for the F-35A.

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.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Cliff Bentz
Member of Congress