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The Honorable Mac Thornberry
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Nation's Force in Readiness, and at the request of Chairman McCain in his letter dated 10 February 2016, I am submitting a list of the Marine Corps' Unfunded Priorities for FY 2017. The items on this list reflect my best professional military judgment of the Marine Corps' shortfalls for the upcoming year and will provide the needed enhancements to current readiness and investment in future capabilities.

Over the last few years, we have protected the near-term operational readiness of our forward-deployed forces at the expense of investments in our non-deployed unit readiness, modernization and infrastructure. While the Marine Corps' FY 2017 President's Budget request continues to provide a ready force that is forward postured and capable across the range of military operations, this readiness comes with risk that is exacerbated by a diminished topline.

I believe this list, if funded, can begin to address these challenges. Included in this list are investments in facilities to slow the degradation resulting from chronic underfunding in this area; additional funds for theater security cooperation, joint bilateral and multilateral exercises to maintain readiness in support of Combatant Command objectives; funding for unit-level equipment maintenance shortfalls; procurement of needed communications and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance equipment; and aviation construction projects associated with the delivery of the F-35 and other military construction projects to improve quality of life for our Marines. Coupled with the FY 2017 President's Budget request, these programs represent our anticipated requirement for the coming year and should not replace or in any way supersede the request.

A similar letter has been sent to Chairmen McCain, Frelinghuysen, Rogers, and Cochran. I thank you for your continued support for the Marine Corps and look forward to further dialogue to ensure that we remain the nation's Force in Readiness.

Very respectfully,

Robert B. Neller
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Enclosure: (1) FY 2017 Marine Corps Unfunded Priority List

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The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Minority Member

FY 2017 Marine Corps Unfunded Priorities List

| Appropriation | Program | Total |
|--|--|------------------|
| Aviation Procurement, Navy | AH-1Z (2 Aircraft) | 57,000 |
| | AH-1Z Digitally Interoperable Full Motion Video (DI-FMV) kits | 5,400 |
| | APKWS II F/A-18A-D Capability | 25,900 |
| | C-40 as C-9 Replacements (2 Aircraft) | 207,500 |
| | CH-53E Degraded Visual Environment (Brown Out) landing enhancements | 13,300 |
| | Defense Systems LAIRCM/DAIRCM/APR-39DV2 | 100,400 |
| | F-35B Spares | 50,800 |
| | H1 Technical Refresh Mission Computer (TRMC) Retrofit | 23,400 |
| | JSF-Tactical-Special Access Program Shelters | 1,000 |
| | KC-130J (2 Aircraft) | 158,000 |
| | KC-130J Digital Interoperability Block7 (LINK16, CNS ATM, Long Range Navigation mandates) kits | 20,800 |
| | MV-22 Aft Sponson Fuel Tank | 5,000 |
| | MV-22 Propeller Blade Erosion Mitigation | 21,000 |
| | 2015 BBA Restoral - KC-130J Operation Tomodachi Engine RADCON | 36,000 |
| | 2015 BBA Restoral - MV-22 (2 Aircraft) | 150,000 |
| | Procure 2XF-35B and 2XF35C | 750,000 |
| | SPMAGTF En-route C4 UUNS | 39,390 |
| | UC-12W (1 Aircraft) | 32,600 |
| Aviation Procurement, Navy Total | | 1,697,490 |
| Military Construction, Navy | Aircraft Maintenance Hangar MCAS Miramar, CA | 118,900 |
| | Comm Complex & Infrastructure Upgrade MCAS Miramar, CA | 34,700 |
| | Enlisted Bachelor's Quarters: FMTB-E MCB Camp Lejeune, NC | 40,700 |
| | F-35 Aircraft Parking Apron MCAS Miramar, CA | 40,000 |
| | 2015 BBA Restoral - Bachelor Enlisted Quarters NWS Yorktown, VA | 24,200 |
| | 2015 BBA Restoral - Combat Vehicle Repair Facility MCLB Barstow MCLB Barstow, CA | 35,500 |
| | 2015 BBA Restoral - Enlisted Dining Fac & Community Bldgs MCAS Yuma, AZ | 34,500 |
| | 2015 BBA Restoral - LHD Pad Conversion & New MV-22 LZ's MCB Hawaii, HI | 12,800 |
| Military Construction, Navy Total | 2015 BBA Restoral - TBS Fire Station MCB Quantico, VA | 17,200 |
| | | 358,500 |
| Military Personnel, Marine Corps | 2015 BBA Restoral - Foreign Language Proficiency Bonus Pay | 8,000 |
| | 2015 BBA Restoral - PCS | 49,000 |
| | Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) | 18,600 |
| Military Personnel, Marine Corps Total | | 75,600 |
| Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps | "Critical/No Fail" EOD Mission Equipment | 550 |
| | Depot Level Repairable (DLR) for East Coast Commands | 47,200 |
| | Depot Maintenance | 7,800 |
| | DoD Enterprise Network Defense Technologies Integration and Sustainment (HBSS/ACAS) | 5,689 |
| | Enhanced Combat Helmet (ECH) | 22,000 |
| | Exercise Program Shortfalls | 58,000 |
| | Facilities Demolition | 39,200 |
| | Facilities Sustainment to 90% | 121,387 |
| | IAMs for Rigid Shelters | 4,325 |
| | Identity Intelligence (I2) | 1,230 |

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| Appropriation | Program | Total |
|---|---|------------------|
| | Installation Emergency Management (IEM) | 4,400 |
| | Joint Processing, Exploitation, and Dissemination (JPED) Center | 1,855 |
| | Nano/VTOL Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UUNS) | 14,200 |
| | Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) | 830 |
| | Over The Snow (OTS) Mobility for Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) | 58 |
| | Rifle Combat Optic Modernization | 13,281 |
| | SECNAV Task DoN Talent Management Initiative Extending Gym Hours | 3,300 |
| | SPMAGTF En-route C4 UUNS | 8,250 |
| | Enterprise Development and Test Environment (EDTE) | 734 |
| Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps Total | | 354,289 |
| Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps Reserve | Facilities Sustainment to 90% | 4,075 |
| Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps Reserve Total | | 4,075 |
| Operation and Maintenance, Navy | 2015 BBA Restoral - KC-130J Operation Tomodachi Engine RADCON | 6,800 |
| | V-22 Joint Performance Based Logistics (JPBL) Support-Improve Supply Support | 5,410 |
| Operation and Maintenance, Navy Total | | 12,210 |
| Other Procurement, Navy | Link-16 (Digital Interoperability) for ATNAVICs | 1,000 |
| Other Procurement, Navy Total | | 1,000 |
| Procurement, Marine Corps | "Critical/No Fail" EOD Mission Equipment | 21,300 |
| | Application Server Modules (ASM) | 150 |
| | Broadband Meshable Data Link (BMDL) | 2,500 |
| | CESAS II | 7,054 |
| | Common Analytical Laboratory System (CALS) | 352 |
| | Consolidated Emergency Response System | 1,000 |
| | Force on Force Training Systems (FoFTS) | 3,400 |
| | Full Spectrum Cyber Operations | 7,104 |
| | GMLRS AW munition for HIMARS | 19,290 |
| | Installation Security Systems | 6,200 |
| | Lightweight 155mm Chrome Tubes | 14,000 |
| | Master Reference Terminals (MRT) | 315 |
| | Over The Snow (OTS) Mobility for Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) | 6,110 |
| | 2015 BBA Restoral - NGEN | 8,965 |
| | Rapid response Kit (RRK) Terminals | 4,600 |
| | RQ-21 Blackjack TIPS BLK III | 8,960 |
| | SPMAGTF En-route C4 UUNS | 40,480 |
| | Target Handoff System | 38,400 |
| | Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (TSCM) | 22,770 |
| | Unified Command suite Block 2 | 689 |
| | Enterprise Development and Test Environment (EDTE) | 1,902 |
| Procurement, Marine Corps Total | | 215,541 |
| Reserch, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy | 20mm High Explosive Incendiary (HEI) Point Detonating (PD) Round for soft targets | 9,300 |
| | CTN-Common Block Array-Antenna (CAB-E) | 1,400 |
| | Full Spectrum Cyber Operations | 1,784 |
| | Increases carry capacity of GBU (Bombs) from 1 to 4 for F-18 A-D (BRU55) | 10,400 |
| Reserch, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy Total | | 22,884 |
| Grand Total | | 2,741,589 |