



UNITED STATES ARMY
THE CHIEF OF STAFF

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The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member, Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Smith:

On behalf of our nation's Army, I appreciate your consideration of the Army's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Unfinanced Requirements List in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 222a.

Warfighter Readiness remains the Army's #1 priority. I thank Congress for increasing the defense caps for FY18 and FY19. These new levels will go a long way in advancing the Army's readiness and modernization efforts necessary to support National Defense Strategy (NDS). Our Army, if called upon, is prepared to fight and win tonight. The increases in the FY18 and FY19 top-lines represented in the Bipartisan Budget Act will ensure that we are even more ready than we were a year ago, as our focus continues to increase lethality now in a security environment of great power competition.

Essential to the Army's current and future readiness is receiving annual funding on time at the start of the fiscal year. Absent timely, predictable and sustainable funding levels year after year, our ability to execute the NDS to build today's readiness and modernize for tomorrow in the most effective way is adversely impacted, manifesting itself in an inefficient use of resources.

This FY19 budget enhances Army lethality and warfighting capabilities by providing additional funding for near-term readiness and increasing Army's end strength by 4K Soldiers to 1,030.5K. This end strength growth improves unit capacity and readiness for force-on-force decisive action and supports new units such as Security Force Assistance Brigades, advancing U.S. National Security objectives with our allies and security partners. It also balances modernization of current systems with investments in future capability. The newly created cross-functional teams are essential to this effort and are designed to expand the Army's overmatch against any potential near-peer competitor in multiple domains. Lastly, but most importantly, the FY19 budget request supports our most valuable resource – our people.

Additional funding above the FY19 President's Budget (PB) request for the requirements on the enclosed list will provide opportunities to accelerate the Army's readiness and lethality to meet Combatant Commander and NDS requirements. Funding for items on this list should not displace items in the FY19 PB request. Any additional resources would enable the Army to further improve warfighter readiness in support of the NDS by addressing specific Operational Needs and Rapid Capability Office initiatives.

I am providing copies of this letter and list to the Chairs and Ranking Members of the Congressional Defense Committees as well as the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to working with you in our shared goal of supporting and defending the United States of America.

Sincerely,

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General, United States Army

Enclosure

Army Bin		Grand Total (\$K)	Narrative
National Defense Strategy		\$ 239,225	Narrative
National Defense Strategy	8A CYBER ELECTROMAGNETIC ACTIVITIES; RAPID CAPABILITIES OFFICE (RCO)	\$ 153,000	The Army requests \$239.2 million to support urgent, unfunded operational Combatant Command requirements in support of the 2018 National Defense Strategy. In order to provide Combatant Commanders credible and combat ready forces, investments are required to increase lethality and survivability and provide for technological overmatch to deter adversaries in the Pacific and European theaters. These requirements include critical Cyber Electromagnetic Activities; and several Rapid Capabilities Office (RCO) efforts that will provide greater cyber capability. The funding request provides an open architecture for Signal Intelligence (SIGINT) pods for the Grey Eagle as well as upgrades the Guardrail Common Sensor (GRCS) geolocation communication sensors. Lastly, funding supports the Army C4I infrastructure requirements at US Army Garrison-Humphreys (USAG-H).
	ISR QUICK REACTION CAPABILITY (RCO)	\$ 25,400	
	SPECIAL INFORMATION OPERATIONS (SIO)	\$ 13,200	
	GUARDRAIL COMMON SENSOR (GRCS)	\$ 14,000	
	C4I SUPPORT TO KOREA YONGSAN RELOCATION PLAN (YRP) AND LAND PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (LPP)	\$ 33,625	
Increase Lethality		\$ 69,000	Narrative
Increase Lethality	CANNON MUNITIONS	\$ 14,000	The Army requests \$69 million to increase lethality and deter aggression in the Pacific, Europe, and the Middle East. The Cannon Munitions requirement invests in the test and demonstration of Cannon-Delivered Area Effects Munitions (C-DAEM) as a bridging strategy to ensure a compliant cluster munition area effect cannon artillery round. The Army also requests 20,000 2.75 inch rockets to increase lethality through the procurement of High Explosive and Flechette rockets. Lastly, the Army request 1,572 83mm Bunker Defeat Munitions (BDM) to replenish munitions expended in combat operations and to meet War Reserve requirements.
	HYDRA ROCKET	\$ 30,000	
	SHOULDER FIRED ROCKETS	\$ 25,000	
Grand Total		\$ 308,225	