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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for construction of a National Guard Vehicle Maintenance Shop in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Puerto Rico National Guard, located at 552 Borinqueneer Street, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico 00934.

The funding would be used for the construction of a new National Guard Vehicle Maintenance Shop in Gurabo, Puerto Rico that supports administrative and logistical requirements for the Puerto Rico Army National Guard. The project—included in the National Guard Bureau's Fiscal Year 2025 Unfunded Priorities List—would replace the existing facility that was destroyed by Hurricane Maria in 2017 and is no longer viably operational. The new construction of a vehicle maintenance shop would improve the Puerto Rico Army National Guard's readiness, providing the necessary space and infrastructure to address backlogs and repair and perform maintenance on all unit military vehicles. It would also reduce operational costs from having to transport vehicles to other locations for maintenance needs, and ensure equipment readiness to support both federal and state missions.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 10 U.S.C. Chapter 169.

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

Sincerely,

Jenniffer González-Colón  
Member of Congress