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Representative John Graham, Chairman of the House Public Works and Highway Committee
Capital Budget Committee
Legislative Office Building Room 101
North Main Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Representative Graham,

We would like to address some concerns we have with the Governor's Capital Budget versus what our agency requested. The Governor's Capital Budget of \$415,000 in General Funds to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services is a step in the right direction that addresses our #2 priority that also leverages matching federal funds at a 75%/25% federal/state cost share. However, since our submittal of this budget last fall, National Guard Bureau has accepted our exception to policy (ETP) request and has now funded this project at 100% federally reimbursed. The Governor's Capital Budget does NOT provide any funds to our seventeen critically aging and outdated "Cold War-Era" Readiness Centers (commonly referred to as armories). We respectfully request that \$415,000 in General Funds be moved to Priority #4 and that an additional \$185,000 be added to provide us with our total request of \$600,000 General Funds for Priority #4: Readiness Center Renovation Statewide.

We would like to bring to your attention the following:

- 1. Original Request - Priority #2: Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) – Merrimack County:**
\$1,200,000 (\$300,000 General Funds, \$900,000 Federal Funds)
 - The Governor's Capital Budget funded this at \$1,660,000 (\$415,000 General Funds, \$1,245,000). This funding request is part of our ongoing effort to ensure Readiness Centers comply with modern Anti-Terrorism & Force Protection Standards.
 - As stated earlier, National Guard Bureau approved an ETP funding request that allows us to spend 100% federal funds on this specific project.
 - General funds for this project are no longer needed and we request that these funds be moved to Priority #4 Readiness Center Renovations Statewide.



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2. **Original Request - Priority #4: Readiness Center Renovation Statewide:** \$1,200,000 (\$600,000 General Funds, \$600,000 Federal Funds)

- The Army National Guard has seventeen "Cold War-Era" Readiness Centers constructed in the 1950's across the state totaling approximately 300,000-square feet of building space with no funding in the next capital budget.
- We have roof leaks, roofs soon to be out of warranty, sinkholes in parking lots, and building envelope (exterior windowsills and door headers) issues that require immediate work. If a boiler or hot water tank was to fail, we lack funding to replace these failed systems.
- This request would allow for the renovation, alteration or sustainment of critical components at Readiness Centers statewide. Projects may include lifecycle replacement of building systems including heating, ventilation and air conditioning, roofing systems, and thermal envelopes or other building systems. Projects may also include improvements to building security systems to include lighting, door control access, and fencing. This project is critical to the continued operation of Readiness Centers for use in training, administering and deploying service members.

Thank you for your continued support of the New Hampshire National Guard and taking the time to discuss our Department's mission requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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