

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 12, 2025

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
House Committee on Armed Services
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member
House Committee on Armed Services
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Chairman
Senate Committee on Armed Services
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Armed Services
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Rogers, Ranking Member Smith, Chairman Wicker, and Ranking Member Reed:

As negotiations for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) continue, we respectfully request that Section 512 of the Senate passed NDAA be omitted from the final bill. Sec. 512 directs the Secretary of the Navy to disestablish the Navy Reserve Center (NRC) system, shuttering the 107 commands that provide administrative support and serve as home for the approximately 48,000 Navy Selected Reserve (SELRES) Sailors nationwide.

The elimination of NRCs, which exist in every state, will significantly increase the administrative workload for individual reservists and will decrease overall readiness for our Navy Reserve. Orders, medical readiness, security clearances, and more will become more prone to error, subject to delays, and burdensome to accomplish. The nationwide footprint of our Navy will be diminished, and the Navy will lose important connections with the American people in places where the active duty Navy is not present. Many communities cherish the outreach and services that the NRCs provide. From volunteering at veterans homes to providing military funeral support, NRCs are excellent stewards of the Navy's core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment, and represent the high ideals of national service.

If there are problems with the current force structure of the Navy Reserve that require action, then the Navy should identify those issues to the Congress along with their plans to fix them. We should not assume that eliminating NRCs will not lead to a loss of capabilities for individual SELRES commands operating at NRCs. We also fear that eliminating NRCs would have a disastrous impact on overall recruitment and retention of the Navy Reserve.

We commend your continued leadership and support for our Navy and its Sailors, and respectfully oppose inclusion of Senate-passed Sec. 512 in the NDAA.

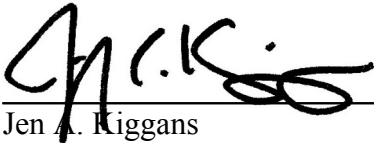
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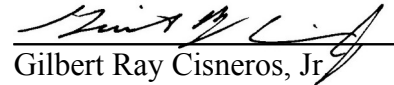
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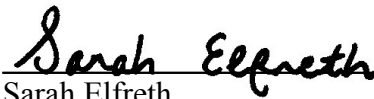
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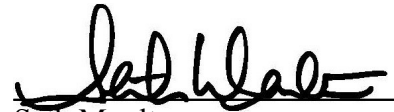
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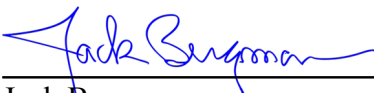
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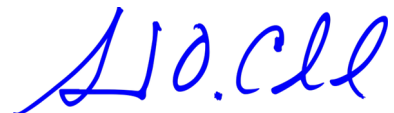
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