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Defense Enhancement Coalition

Dear Congressman Smith:

As always, thank you for all you do for our community, and especially for your support of our joint base. Your support of the base over the years, has enabled our community to fully understand the base's value to the local economy, and our quality of life.

We are writing this request for your support of a MILCON project for the Navy on the Lakehurst side of Joint Base McGuire, Dix, Lakehurst (JBMDL). The request is for a new aviation hangar termed Naval Secure Test Aviation Research Hangar (NavSTAR Hanger) which will support a new Navy mission for the base. It also enhances the base's value to the Navy, which is most important for the future of our base and will increase the number of high-tech jobs in our community. The hangar will provide the capability of local engineers to develop enhanced processes which integrate multiple unmanned air vehicles with manned aircraft during launch or recovery testing, as part of the Navy's Air Wing of the Future Program.

The request for the new hangar has been assigned project number P1635 with the request documented in a 1391 which has been provided to your office. Please be aware that the Defense Enhancement Coalition (DEC) has worked with the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Lakehurst (NAWCAD) to acquire this mission and we ask your support in obtaining funds for this new facility. The DEC fully endorses this request, and we appreciate any support you can provide in obtaining the required funds.

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