



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1804**

April 4, 2024

The Honorable Thomas Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$22M in funding for the construction of a new ADAL Child Development Center (CDC) at Barksdale Air Force Base in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Air Force (Barksdale Air Force Base), located at 147 Barksdale Blvd E, Barksdale AFB, LA, United States 71110.

The funding would be used to construct a thirteen-room addition to the existing CDC. It is on the recently released FY25 Air Force Unfunded Priority List under project #AWUB155000. This project is an appropriate and necessary use of taxpayer funds as the existing CDC is inadequate in size, in poor physical condition, and limits to childcare services at Barksdale AFB. This project will allow a major step forward in reducing the overcrowding of the CDC and improving the environment for dependent children and their families. This project is on the Air Force FYDP and P&D that was provided by Congress in FY24.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 10 U.S.C. Chapter 169. I plan to pursue authorization for this project in the Fiscal Year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family. Thank you for your consideration of this important project to support the service members at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.

Sincerely yours,

Speaker Mike Johnson  
U.S. House of Representatives