



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

May 1, 2026

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
House Armed Services Committee
2216 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member
House Armed Services Committee
2216 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Smith:

I am requesting \$55M in funding for the construction of a new Rotational Unit Billeting Area (RUBA) at Fort Polk in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fort Polk, located at 7033 Magnolia Drive, Building 4919, Fort Polk South, LA 71459.

The funding would be used to construct the first phase of a new RUBA at Fort Polk. It is on the recently released FY27 Army Unfunded Priority List under reference #II-0642. This project is an appropriate and necessary use of taxpayer funds as the existing RUBA is severely dilapidated and nearly unusable. Investing in a new RUBA at Fort Polk would ensure that deploying and training units have modern, resilient housing that supports readiness for large-scale combat operations. Updated billeting facilities would improve quality of life for rotational soldiers, reduce maintenance costs associated with aging infrastructure, and enhance Fort Polk's ability to host high-tempo, multi-domain training events year-round.

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 2027 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 Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Sincerely yours,

Speaker Mike Johnson
U.S. House of Representatives

Agency/Account: [4601]/[MILCON, Army]/[Military Construction, Army]/[MCA]

Project Name: JRTC Rotational Unit Billeting Area

Subcommittee: RDY

Request Nature: Community Project Funding

Justification: This project is an appropriate and necessary use of taxpayer funds as the existing RUBA is severely dilapidated and nearly unusable. Investing in a new RUBA at Fort Polk would ensure that deploying and training units have modern, resilient housing that supports readiness for large-scale combat operations. Updated billeting facilities would improve quality of life for rotational soldiers, reduce maintenance costs associated with aging infrastructure, and enhance Fort Polk's ability to host high-tempo, multi-domain training events year-round.

Member's Request: (in thousands, \$000) \$55,000

President's Request: \$0

CBJB Line No:

CBJB Program Element:

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Member Website Link: <https://mikejohnson.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=2867>

Project City or County: Fort Polk South

Project State: LA

Recipient Name: Fort Polk

Recipient Mailing Address: 7033 Magnolia Drive, Building 4919, Fort Polk South, LA 71459