



UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 28, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the National Guard Readiness Center, Bakersfield in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the State of California, California Military Department located at 2800 Gateway Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93307.

This project will construct an approximately 35,000 square feet addition for 408 Soldiers assigned to Company A, 1-185 Infantry Battalion, Battery C, 1-143 Field Artillery and the 1114 Transportation Company. These units currently operate out of 53% of their required space. This project will consolidate the units to Bakersfield into the Gateway facility. This project will allow the California Army National Guard to consolidate these units to single modern facility and enable the divestiture of a nearby P St. 1950 era readiness center. This will enhance unit and Soldier readiness, and provide significant cost savings by providing individual and collective training space. The Bakersfield National Guard Gateway Readiness Center project will ensure long-term viability of the unit, better readiness, improved living and working conditions for service members, and significant cost savings in perpetuity.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Valadao".

David G. Valadao
Member of Congress