

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Betty McCollum
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense
The Capitol, Room H-405
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ken Calvert
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense
1205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman McCollum and Ranking Member Calvert:

We thank you for your bipartisan commitment to funding our nation's defense, and we write to express our continued support for High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) safety modifications. As you finalize defense appropriations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, we ask you to include robust funding for HMMWV safety modifications.

Robust funding would allow the Army to address a long-standing and urgent need to improve the safety of HMMWVs, specifically by reducing their propensity for rollover accidents. As you know, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) reported in 2021 that dozens of servicemembers died in rollover accidents during training operations between 2010 and 2019. By providing \$183,301,000 over the FY 2022 budget request for HMMWV safety modifications, the Army would be able to purchase and install antilock brake system and electronic stability control (ABS/ESC) modification kits to retrofit over 10,000 vehicles in the HMMWV fleet and reduce the vehicles' propensity for rollover accidents. This funding amount was authorized by the House Armed Services Committee in the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act under "Other Procurement, Army Tactical Vehicles" (line 018).

The safety of our servicemembers is a top priority that we know you share. We appreciate your consideration of this request, and we look forward to continuing to work together to improve the safety of the HMMWV fleet.

Sincerely,



Donald Norcross
Member of Congress



Vicky Hartzler
Member of Congress



John Garamendi
Member of Congress



Pat Fallon
Member of Congress