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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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Dear Madame Speaker:

As you know, last week the Department of Defense (DoD) submitted to the Congress reprogramming actions proposing to transfer a total of \$9.7 billion from Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Defense-wide accounts to fund ongoing Army combat operations in the Global War on Terror. Regrettably, DoD was left with no other option in the absence of an enacted supplemental appropriations bill.

In my estimation, this reprogramming action would result in a \$4.68 billion deduction to the Department of the Navy's current-year Operation and Maintenance and Military Personnel accounts. As home to Naval Station Norfolk – the largest naval installation in the world – the adverse impact of this action to naval operations in the Hampton Roads Region of Virginia would be considerable.

The time to set partisan politics aside and pass a clean supplemental war-spending bill – free of unrelated spending and tax hikes – is long overdue. Our fighting men and women in harm's way deserve nothing less. Respectfully, I ask you to bring an emergency funding measure to the House floor for consideration without further delay. I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Thelma Drake
Member of Congress

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