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The Honorable John P. Roth  
Secretary of the Air Force  
1670 Air Force  
Washington, DC 20330-1670

Dear Secretary Roth,

As you review the Fiscal Year 2022 budget and prepare it for release, I wanted to contact you regarding one of my highest priorities, the military construction funding for the Child Development Center (CDC) at Sheppard Air Force Base. There is a clear and emergent need for new facilities on base to take care of our service members' children. I urge you to include funding for this facility and ensure it is included in the Military Construction Future Year Defense Program.

The current child development center at Sheppard Air Force Base was constructed in 1973 as a military detainment facility and was renovated in the 1980s to become a CDC. While this served as a feasible solution for many years, as we continue to update our force, this CDC is no longer adequate at Sheppard. The CDC currently houses approximately 140 children, but that provides a deficit of nearly 40 children whose parents have to look off-base for childcare. The new designed facility would be able to accommodate 240 children with top-of-the-line facilities and supporting infrastructure.

This is a top priority for me, and I urge you to give your personal attention and prioritize this important military construction project as part of the FYDP. Should you or any member of your staff have any questions at all, please contact my Military Legislative Assistant, Bryan Brody, at [bryan.brody@mail.house.gov](mailto:bryan.brody@mail.house.gov) or 202-225-3706.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress