

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Carter
Chairman
Subcommittee on Military Construction,
Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Military Construction,
Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Carter and Ranking Member Wasserman Schultz:

As you finalize your subcommittee's Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations bill, we urge you to include language to enable the construction of additional military family housing units for sailors in the Pacific Northwest.

Our region is in critical need of additional military family housing. For example, at Naval Station Everett, current estimates suggest that the installation has a shortfall of 153 military family housing units, which will balloon to more than 500 units by 2026 as the Navy proceeds with its decision to locate twelve guided missile frigates in the region over the next decade.¹

Our military families deserve to have a safe and affordable place to call home. Given the shortage of affordable housing in the Pacific Northwest and the impacts this shortage has on our military readiness, we respectfully request that the subcommittee include language to support this effort.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Suzan K. DelBene
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¹ Naval Station Everett, Washington 2021 Housing Requirements Market Analysis Update; and Eric Stevick, "Navy picks Everett as homeport for new class of frigates," *Everett Herald*, June 3, 2021, <https://www.heraldnet.com/news/navy-picks-everett-as-homeport-for-new-class-of-frigates/>.



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