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Congressman Gregory F. Murphy
407 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

I am writing on behalf of the City of Goldsboro. We strongly support the inclusion of funding for the Child Development Center (CDC) facility at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base (SJAFB) as part of the FY27 Community Project Funding Program.

Seymour Johnson AFB is crucial not only to this nation's national defense operations, but also as a key driver of our local and regional economy. Home to F-15E squadrons and global deployment missions, the base sustains thousands of military and civilian jobs and injects millions of dollars into eastern North Carolina's economy annually. SJAFB's presence supports a diverse array of industries, small businesses, contractors, housing, retail, education, and healthcare services and Seymour Johnson is an important part of the heart of this community.

Like many communities, childcare is in short supply in this region, and the ability of the airmen at Seymour Johnson AFB to respond to challenges and ensure that they can deliver combat airpower wherever and whenever it is needed depends on the members' families having childcare they can count on. Investing in a new CDC facility will help provide childcare support to hundreds of personnel at SJAFB, which in turn will help ensure Seymour Johnson remains mission ready. We urge Congress to approve this funding request, recognizing its significance for both national security and regional economic prosperity.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for considering this vital investment in our shared future.

Sincerely,



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Mayor