August 29, 2018

Dear Chairman Shelby, Ranking Member Leahy, Chairman Frelinghuysen, and Ranking Member Lowery,

I write to you today on behalf of the members of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) which represents the interests and concerns of well over one million members of the Army and Air National Guard, their family members, National Guard retirees, and survivors.

Your efforts to get the Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019, H.R. 6157, signed into law before the end of the current fiscal year is commendable and encouraging to our membership. I ask that you maintain this momentum as we head into the final month of this fiscal year.

We remain at war. The effects of successive Continuing Resolutions contributed to degrading readiness and force structure shortfalls. H.R. 6157 provides the necessary resources and continuity for our military services to grow, equip, train, and sustain the all-volunteer force necessary to meet today's dynamic and growing global threats.

We encourage you to push on to complete the Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations process by the end of September to fully fund the government.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, United States Senate
Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, United States Senate
Speaker Paul Ryan, U.S. House of Representatives
Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, U.S. House of Representatives
Senior Member Jim Inhofe, Senate Armed Services Committee
Ranking Member Jack Reed, Senate Armed Services Committee
Chairman Mac Thornberry, House Armed Services Committee
Ranking Member Adam Smith, House Armed Services Committee