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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

On behalf of the Metal Trades Department, AFL-CIO, I would like to express my deep concern about your decision to divert more than half a billion dollars from construction projects at worldwide military installations.

This action will not only affect the morale and readiness of today's active military, but our wage grade metal trades workforce that is depending upon many of the upgrades to federal maintenance facilities that your administration worked hard to successfully fund.

For the last 17 years, our nation has been at war. We now have the first generation of servicemen and women who all volunteered to serve and possibly die for their country during a military conflict. This is no small sacrifice. The very least we can do is to ensure that these war fighters, families and their support services are reinforced by the country they have dedicated their lives to.

Restoring the promises made to our nation's service members and supporting metal trades cast is the right thing to do. To this end, we respectfully request that you reverse your decision to redirect funding and reinvest in our nation's military and federal workforce.

Thank you for considering this important request.

Sincerely,

James Hart
President