

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Ken Calvert  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Defense  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-405, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Betty McCollum  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Defense  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-405, The Capitol  
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Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member McCollum:

As you begin work on the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Defense Appropriations Act, we request your support to sustain and enhance investments in the Light Tactical Vehicle (LTV) fleet for the US Army and Marine Corps. Specifically, we urge the Committee to support the highest possible funding for the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) program, \$200 million for the Army National Guard HMMWV Modernization program, and \$100 million for Army Reserve HMMWV Modernization program..

The Army has historically counted on and invested in the HMMWV and JLTV platforms as they serve as essential part of its LTV fleet. In a report to Congress, the Army affirmed its requirement for more than 100,000 trucks and an intent to retain approximately 50,000 HMMWVs balanced with some 50,000 JLTVs to be sustained beyond 2050. Aligned with this strategy in 2023, the Army awarded AM General an up to 10-year contract for over 20,000 JLTV A2s and almost 10,000 JLTV trailers.

Over the past several decades, Congress has made substantial investments in the LTV program, which has led to increased warfighter safety and effectiveness. It is important that we continue these investments to support our defense industrial base and provide our warfighters with the capability they need to succeed in missions at home and overseas. The JLTV and HMMWV programs are both proven, global, combat-tested systems that have provided a comparative advantage for U.S. forces and our allies for decades.

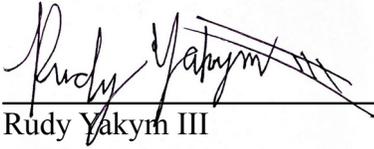
The Department of War relies on the U.S. LTV manufacturer, AM General, which employs more than 1,100 people at major facilities in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. Additionally, AM General has a strong supplier base that stretches across 48 states. AM General and their supplier base represent the best of American manufacturing and its workforce.

Reduced funding for this program unnecessarily jeopardizes the LTV supplier base and could cause smaller companies to exit the LTV business. The time associated with qualifying a new supplier is a minimum of 6-8 months, creating a substantial risk in meeting customer requirements for new vehicles. Therefore, it is critical that we maintain your support for balanced funding of the Army's LTV modernization strategy as you begin consideration of the FY27 Defense Appropriations Act.

We ask that you continue to support LTV program funding in the FY27 legislation. Specifically, we request support for the highest possible funding for the Army and Marine Corps JLTV program, \$200 million for the Army National Guard HMMWV Modernization program, and \$100 million for Army Reserve HMMWV Modernization program.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



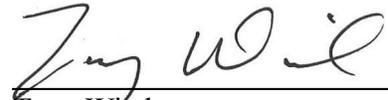
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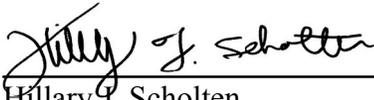
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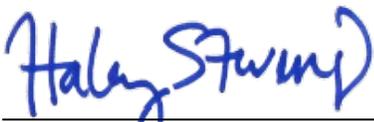
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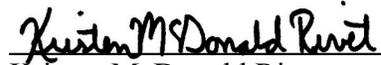


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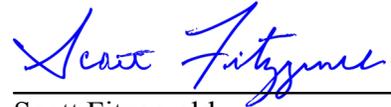
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