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Adjutant General

Honorable Liz Olson
Chair, House Ways and Means
Committee
479 State Office Building

Re: Support for HF 1937, Department of Military Affairs and Department of Veterans Affairs budget established...

1. I am writing to express my support for HF1937 and to thank the members of the committee for their consideration of the bill. Though it does not fully fund every agency initiative, Chair Newton and the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee did an excellent job in understanding the needs of the agency and accommodating those needs to a very great extent.
2. I am particularly grateful for the support regarding the Fieldhouse to be constructed at the Arden Hills Army Training Site. This project was an expensive addition to the agency request but will pay large dividends in enhancing the readiness of the Minnesota Army National Guard and improving our service to our soldiers. It is a true "one time" expense since the maintenance of the facility will be funded by the federal government.
3. I am humbled by the support shown by the Legislature to the requirements of the Minnesota National Guard and will be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.

Sincerely,

Shawn P. Manke
Major General, Minnesota Army
National Guard
Adjutant General