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To: Honorable Senator Dick Mazza (Grand Isle District) Honorable Senator Peg Flory (Rutland District)

The Military Department request that an additional \$80,000 be allocated to the FY2019 recommended Capital Construction budget. This would allow for ongoing enhancements and sustainment projects at our facilities to continue at its current level of activity. These funds would ensure that our facilities meet mission needs in direct support of soldier readiness. The additional funding will also allow the Military Department to maximize utilization of federal matching funds of up to \$240,000 for a total impact of up to \$320,000.

Maintaining National Guard facilities also makes available a strategic assets for our communities and citizens throughout Vermont, as demonstrated with the October 2017 Windstorm damage. The Governor was able to offer access to the armories around the state for those who were adversely impacted by the storm damage to include extended power outages.

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