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Phillip Swagel
Director
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Dear Dr. Swagel:

The Department of Defense spends tens of billions of dollars annually in base operations support (BOS) costs to sustain hundreds of military installations, both in the United States and abroad.


The Committee would like the Congressional Budget Office to undertake an analysis of these costs. How do these BOS costs vary across installations? To what extent are BOS costs driven by installation populations or other factors? Are larger installations more efficient to operate than smaller ones? What would be the implications of changing an installation's population on BOS costs?

A better understanding about the factors that drive BOS costs will help the Congress make better decisions about the level and allocation of funding required to operate military installations.

If your staff has questions about this request, they may contact Scott Russell at (202) 226-7200.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your work in support of the Congress.

Sincerely,



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