

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Peter Visclosky  
Chairman  
Defense Subcommittee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ken Calvert  
Ranking Member  
Defense Subcommittee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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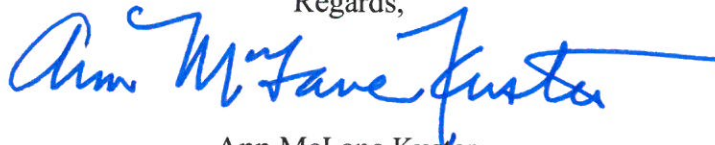
Dear Chairman Visclosky and Ranking Member Calvert:

As the House Appropriations Committee and Defense Subcommittee begin the process of considering funding levels for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21), I write to respectfully request that you provide critical funding for the Heavy Load Simulator (HLS) at Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL). This is my top priority in the House Defense Appropriations legislation and is a critical program to ensure the Armed Forces' ability to operate in strategically important Artic environments.

- **Army Research and Development – Heavy Load Simulator (R&D - Ln # 55 - PE#0603119A - Ground Advanced Technology)**
  - I request \$4,200,000 in funding for this program in FY21.
  - I request the following language be included in the accompanying committee report: *“The Committee has included \$4,200,000 for the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) to finalize development, installation and testing of a heavy load simulator for testing rapid construction materials and methods and long-term durability of infrastructure and prototype runways in strategically critical cold regions.”*

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Regards,



Ann McLane Kuster  
Member of Congress