The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
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Mr. President:  

On behalf of the Reserve Organization of America, representing members, families, and veterans of the Reserve Components, we thank you for your continuing, strong support of our Reserve and National Guard, and we urge you to sign the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021.  

The NDAA fully supports Reserve Component manpower levels included in your budget. It includes legislation that will provide Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay for servicemembers supporting the national coronavirus response. Servicemembers and families affected by interruptions in their military training will receive constructive credit earning them a “good” retirement year. A Servicemembers Civil Relief Act enhancement would provide military families with lease and contract protections for military moves that were postponed or cancelled.  

The NDAA supports your space forces with a Senate provision that authorizes a reserve component of the United States Space Force. The NDAA also directs an evaluation of options for establishing a cyber reserve force that will expand the capability to support the space mission.  

A future-focused bill that addresses the nation’s security needs, the NDAA addresses Department of Defense installation renaming, which ROA supports and believes will strengthen recruiting and retention, and thus readiness. ROA further supports the Senate provision to establish a commission, which includes Presidential appointments, and ensures a deliberate, informed, and inclusive approach to the challenges inherent in renaming.  

Mr. President, our magnificent armed forces, backed by the American people – all of them – fulfill the Founders’ intent, stated in the Constitution’s preamble, to “provide for the common defense.” These remarkable young men and women provide for our common defense without prejudice; they deserve an environment that supports their service and reflects our diversity as a great people. The U.S. military has a history of undertaking the correction of society’s inequalities; this is such a time.  

Mr. President, ROA urges you to support the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021. We appreciate your consideration of this important legislation and highly value your support of America’s Reserve Component servicemembers, their families, and veterans of Reserve service.  

Respectfully,  

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