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## UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

4000 DEFENSE PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-4000

The Honorable Richard C. Shelby  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

JUN 28 2018

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-141), directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to submit a spending plan for any fiscal year (FY) 2017 designated carryover funds. A total of \$312,770,020.00 in unobligated FY 2017 Defense Health Program (DHP) Operation and Maintenance (O&M) appropriation funds are available for carryover from FY 2017 into FY 2018.

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The DHP O&M one percent carryover authority continues to provide the capability to address unanticipated emergent funding shortfalls during the FY. Examples of the use of carryover funds in previous FYs include private sector health care, support to our Wounded Warriors and sustainment, restoration and modernization of the MHS components' medical facilities. The carryover authority continues to support our Service members and their families.

Thank you for your interest in the health and well-being of our Service members, veterans, and their families. A similar letter is being provided to the other congressional defense committees.

Sincerely,

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cc:  
The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Vice Chairman



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