

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 13, 2022

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Leader Schumer,

At the founding of our nation, then-General George Washington penned, “*When the civil and military powers cooperate, and afford mutual aid to each other there can be little doubt of things going well.*” Two centuries later, that still rings true. Yet should this body fail in its top Constitutional responsibility of providing for a common defense, our armed services will be left directionless, lack stable funding, and be devoid of civilian Congressional oversight.

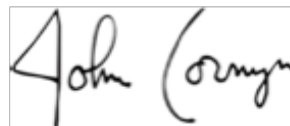
Chairman Reed and Ranking Member Inhofe saw to it that the FY2023 National Defense Authorization Act remained bipartisan and the result safeguards the United States. Additionally, the bill invests in technology advancements and procurement through a \$45 billion budget topline increase, provides service members with a 4.6 percent pay raise, and strengthens our forces in cybersecurity, space, the Indo-Pacific, personnel management, and many other areas.

Members of the House passed their NDAA on July 14<sup>th</sup>, by a vote of 329 - 101. For the bill to go to conference and make it to President Biden’s desk, our colleagues must have the opportunity to debate the Senate version with an open amendment process. As such, we the undersigned respectfully request that you call the *James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023* to the Senate floor before the conclusion of the September work period.

Respectfully,



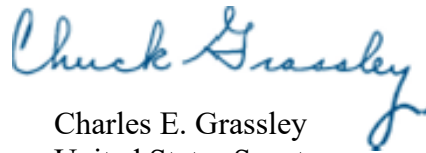
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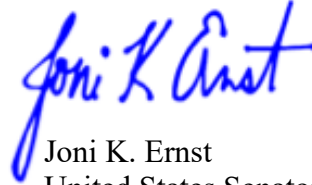
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