

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Adam Telle
Acting Secretary
Department of the Army
101 Army Pentagon,
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Secretary Telle,

We write in strong support of the Tennessee Army National Guard becoming the first Army National Guard organization to field the MV-75 Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft. As the Army's operational and strategic combat reserve, the Army National Guard must modernize alongside the Active Component to preserve interoperability and readiness across the Total Army. It is clear that Tennessee offers the most cost-effective, operationally relevant, and low-risk option for its first COMPO 2 fielding.

Tennessee is uniquely positioned to partner with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, the Army's first operational formation designated to field the MV-75. Tennessee's 1-230th Assault Helicopter Battalion is a proven assault aviation unit supported by experienced aviators, crew members, maintainers, and flight operations personnel. 1-230th regularly integrates with the 101st providing a tested foundation for accelerated MV-75 integration. With the geographic proximity of these two formations, recurring cross-training and shared access to the Army's emerging MV-75 instructors, simulation capabilities, training areas, maintenance expertise, tactics development, and operational lessons learned would be maximized. The proximity would also reduce travel and temporary-duty expenses, minimize lost training time, and allow limited National Guard training resources to be applied directly to readiness.

Further, Tennessee is currently investing in aviation infrastructure designed and capable of supporting MV-75 requirements and has a newly opened National Guard Readiness Center located on Fort Campbell. Synchronizing these National Guard investments with the Active Component would support shared training, sustainment, maintenance, and simulation while avoiding unnecessary infrastructure and resource duplication. We believe that selecting Tennessee would establish an integrated COMPO 1 - COMPO 2 MV-75 ecosystem, with the partnership reducing transition risk and reducing transition cost, while accelerating operational cross talk and program feedback.

We respectfully request that the Department of the Army and National Guard Bureau give Tennessee full consideration as the first Army National Guard organization to field the MV-75. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our staff.

Sincerely,



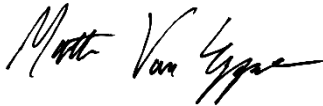
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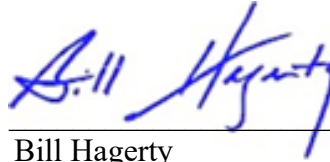
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