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on Defense  
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The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Defense  
Dirksen Senate Office Building, 117  
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Cochran:

I am writing to express my support for the inclusion of Small Arms Simulation Training Systems in the list of priorities recommended by the Committee for procurement in the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account of the FY15 DOD Appropriations bill.

Simulation training systems significantly reduce the costs associated with live fire and allow access to training for units not located near live fire ranges. Simulation has been included as a recommended Congressional priority over the past few years in the NGREA account. Along with other recommendations, inclusion of this language demonstrates to Guard and Reserve officials what Congress feels are necessary to maintain readiness in the Guard and Reserves.

I thank you for your leadership and look forward to working with you on this matter of mutual concern. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact me or Chris Sullivan in my office at (202) 228-3362 or [chris\\_sullivan@isakson.senate.gov](mailto:chris_sullivan@isakson.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



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