



March 27, 2020

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Vice Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
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Education, and Related Agencies
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Dear Chairman Shelby, Vice Chairman Leahy, Chairman Blunt, and Ranking Member Murray,

As you prepare the Fiscal Year 2021 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we respectfully request the inclusion of \$11.5 million for the Military and Civilian Partnership for the Trauma Readiness Grant Program authorized in the Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act [Public Law No. 116-22]. Fully funding this critical grant program will allow us to enhance trauma training for our military health care personnel while simultaneously bolstering civilian trauma care and saving lives.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, trauma is the leading cause of death for children and adults under age 44. Additionally, fatal traumatic injuries result44

care. By fully funding this critical grant program, we will improve the nation's response to public health and medical emergencies.