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Chairman John Carter
Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
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Chairman Jack Bergman
Subcommittee on Readiness
House Armed Services Committee
2416 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Carter and Chairman Bergman,

As the representative of Florida's Fourth Congressional District, a district with strong military communities—including service members and their families stationed at NAS Jacksonville, Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island, Jacksonville Air National Guard Base, and nearby Naval Station Mayport and Naval Submarine Base King's Bay—I am highly concerned about the stories I have received regarding dangerous housing conditions under the Military Housing Privatization Initiative (MHPI).

One Northeast Florida family, stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, lived in a home with extreme mold contamination. Instead of properly remediating the problem, the housing company haphazardly opened contaminated walls, spreading toxins throughout the house. Their children now suffer from chronic respiratory issues and vision impairments requiring lifelong medical care. Allegedly, the situation only worsened as the company withheld environmental test results, attempted to reopen a denied insurance claim fraudulently, and deleted an environmental service request that documented the family was sick.

Sadly, this is not an isolated event. Families across the country, including Florida, have shared stories that reflect the same dangerous patterns—environmental hazards and long-term medical

consequences for children. Despite overwhelming documentation, these families assert that they are not receiving support, accountability, or a path to recovering their health or losses.

Additionally, these dangerous conditions affect our future military readiness and the capacity of our military healthcare system. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, 1 in 9 military children will be diagnosed as medically complex by age 5.¹ With 83% of Army recruits coming from legacy military families, that points to a projected 11% drop in future recruiting—driven not by lack of interest, but by preventable health conditions caused by unsafe living environments. These preventable medical complexities put an extra burden on our already strained military healthcare system. By ensuring better conditions for these families, we are doing the right thing for service members, saving taxpayer money, and freeing up our military healthcare system to serve our service members and their families better.

When our nation's service members deploy to defend our freedoms, their families and loved ones remain at home. We owe it to our service members to provide their spouses and children with safe, clean, and comfortable living conditions while they are serving our country. Unsanitary and dangerous living conditions add more stress to our active-duty service members and the unsung heroes that support them. I urge you to conduct a full review of the MHPI and to support policies in the National Defense Authorization Act and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act that ensure safer and cleaner housing for our nation's service members and their families.

Sincerely,



Aaron Bean
Member of Congress

¹ Incidence of Medical Complexity in Military-Connected Children | Pediatrics | American Academy of Pediatrics <https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/article-abstract/155/5/e2024069653/201563/Incidence-of-Medical-Complexity-in-Military?redirectedFrom=fulltext>