

Congressman Mike Quigley

Fiscal Year 2015 programmatic requests for the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense

\$15 million for the Army's Neurofibromatosis Research Program

Explanation: The highly successful Neurofibromatosis Research Program has shown tangible results and direct military application with broad implications for the general population. Continued funding is needed to continue to build on the successes of this program.

\$1.6 billion for the EA-18G Growler

Explanation: Funding will support the procurement of the Navy's EA-18G Growler, the nation's only full spectrum airborne electronic attack capability. This critical aircraft plays a large role in the Navy's joint warfighting needs, and increase operational mission effectiveness more than any component of the carrier wing.

\$681,887,000 for Force Readiness Operations Support

Explanation: Increased funding amounts are requested to ensure FY15 funding levels do not create gaps in medical readiness training operations with civilian partners for National Guard Civil Support Teams, National Guard Emergency Response Force Packages, National Guard Homeland Response Forces, the Army Reserves Consequence Management Response Forces, and other deployable military units.

\$719,045,000 for Mission Support Operations

Explanation: Increased funding amounts are requested to ensure FY15 funding levels do not create gaps in medical readiness training operations with civilian partners for National Guard Civil Support Teams, National Guard Emergency Response Force Packages, National Guard Homeland Response Forces, the Army Reserves Consequence Management Response Forces, and other deployable military units.

\$15 million for Peer-Reviewed Reconstructive Transplantation

Explanation: The use of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan has led to an increase in severe blast trauma, with IEDs accounting for the vast majority (75 percent) of combat-related injuries. Advancements in reconstructive transplantation have the ability to change the lives of wounded warriors by allowing those with debilitating, disfiguring injuries to return to daily living.

\$80 million for the Prostate Cancer Research Program

Explanation: This program, in existence since 1996, has produced some of the most cutting edge research on prostate cancer. Without sufficient funding, this innovative and vital program will be unable to conduct important clinical trials that will help to translate the program's research into treatments for the disease.