

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman
Subcommittee on Defense
House Committee on Appropriations
Capitol Building, H-405
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Pete Visclosky
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Defense
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Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Visclosky,

As the Committee on Appropriations considers funding the Department of Defense for Fiscal Year 2017, we write to respectfully request \$30 million for the RESET of approximately 100 combat-worn and inoperable RT240 Rough Terrain Container Handlers (RTCH) [Other Procurement, Army / BA 03: Other Support Equipment / BSA 65: Material Handling Equipment / P1: G41001 Family of Forklifts] which are constructed domestically and support our national security objectives abroad.

The RTCH fleet is the heart of Army expeditionary logistics, with over 1050 machines currently in service. In the Army's own words, RTCH are vital pieces of equipment necessary for the reception, staging, and onward movement of over one million ISO containers used in the SWA area of operations.

The RESET program is essential for the sustainment of our military equipment's capability. Currently, the program is stagnant and unfunded. This creates readiness concerns and sidelines inoperable, combat-worn, RTCH units in need of replacement, recapitalization, or repair.

Resetting these combat worn machines would provide a bridging mechanism as the Army develops a long-term recapitalization program. We hope you agree this is a prudent investment in military equipment that will make future operations more efficient and extend the life of earlier procurement.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this request.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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