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The Honorable David Vitter
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Vitter:

On behalf of the members of the Association of the United States Army, I write in support of your amendment to the Fiscal Year 2016 National Defense Authorization bill that would keep the Army's active component level at the FY 15 NDAA level of 490,000. Further the language would maintain current Army force structure as a floor until ongoing force structure studies and reports are completed.

As our nation continues to face challenging security environments around the globe, reducing our defense forces will minimize our capability to meet current and future threats to national security. The operations tempo for military personnel continues at a high level and mission requirements continue to increase.

Our nation's military forces must be sized, ready and equipped to provide options for success against any foe. The Association of the United States Army believes that the size of the Army ultimately must be increased and thanks you for providing amendment language that would halt the downward spiral and lead to future increases.

Sincerely,



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