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Dear Secretary Driscoll, Under Secretary Obadal, Assistant Secretary Ingraham and Lieutenant General Mohan:

As you know, Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), which is located in South Texas, is the U.S. Army's premier facility for the repair, overhaul, and modernization of helicopters and rotary-wing aircraft. As the world's largest helicopter repair facility, the depot is vitally important to our military readiness and has a long history of providing teams for repair work and crash investigations in the field that directly serve the warfighter.

However, despite the more than 2,500 highly skilled workforce and the vital importance of this depot to America's national security, the amount of work assigned to the depot and the number of people employed there has dramatically dropped since 2011. Should this trajectory continue, the specialized workforce and infrastructure will be lost; once lost, they cannot be quickly or easily reconstituted.

Allowing depots like CCAD to decline risks permanently degrading a strategic military capability that gives the Organic Industrial Base (OIB) the surge capacity needed during a time of war or crisis. Without this capacity, DoD will be forced to rely on private contractors during times of conflict which puts the Department at a strategic disadvantage.

To better understand the current situation at the Corpus Christi Army Depot, I request a response to the following questions by March 27, 2026.

1. What is the final completion date for current helicopter maintenance tasks at CCAD?

2. DoD recently announced that \$174 million from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act [P.L. 119-106] is being allocated to CCAD to modernize the facility and acquire new equipment. When does the Department expect these funds to reach CCAD?
 - a. What specifically does AMC plan to do with these funds?
 - b. How will these funds be used to increase the amount of workload assigned to CCAD and strengthen this strategically critical facility?

CCAD is vital to national security because it provides DoD with the maintenance and repair capacity it needs to adapt to new threats and prepare for the future. I urge you and your colleagues to take immediate steps ensure that this economically and strategically essential facility can continue to operate at full capacity.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vicente Gonzalez', written in a cursive style.

Vicente Gonzalez
Member of Congress