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The Honorable Richard Shelby
Chairman, Sbcmt on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Sbcmt on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman, Sbcmt on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Peter Visclosky
Ranking Member, Sbcmt on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Shelby, Ranking Member Durbin, Chairwoman Granger, and
Ranking Member Visclosky:

Thank you for your leadership on appropriations issues and your commitment to supporting medical research and health programs that improve the lives of military personnel, veterans, and their families. As you work to finalize the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019) Department of Defense (DOD) Appropriations Bill, the American Lung Association urges you to include \$20 million for the peer-reviewed lung cancer research program within the Peer-Reviewed Cancer Research Programs, as proposed in the House FY 2019 DOD Appropriations Bill.

The peer-reviewed lung cancer research program is an important part of the federal lung cancer research portfolio. For a variety of service-connected reasons, lung cancer continues to pose a notable threat to military personnel. The peer-reviewed lung cancer research program is facilitating both ongoing and emerging activities that advance scientific understanding of lung cancer in meaningful ways and lead to improvements in health and wellness.

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Please adopt the House-recommended level of \$20 million for the peer-reviewed lung cancer research program. I hope you will consider the American Lung Association a resource if you have any questions or would like additional information on lung cancer or research on this critical condition.

Sincerely,



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