

## United States Senate

July 8, 2024

The Honorable Carlos Del Toro  
Secretary of the Navy  
101 Navy Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Mr. Secretary,

We write to draw your attention to a pressing quality-of-life issue at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi (NASCC), and to urge you to expedite a significant renovation or replacement of the NASCC Child Development Center (CDC).

The current NASCC CDC is a small and aging facility with numerous serious infrastructure issues, including problems with the plumbing, heating, and cooling systems. Poor childcare facilities are unacceptable. They fall short of the high standards that our military families deserve. They also erode overall morale, operational readiness, and the attractiveness of serving at NASCC. The Navy experienced recruiting shortfalls for Fiscal Year 2024. Upgrading the NASCC CDC would surely improve the value proposition of service at NASCC for prospective and current Sailors, while not doing so risks exacerbating such shortfalls.

We understand that the project involving the renovation or replacement of the NASCC has not yet reached the crucial 35% design threshold and is not programmed in the Fiscal Year 2025 Military Construction Future Years Defense Program. Elevating the priority of this project would signal to Sailors and their families their importance to the Navy.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response. As always, we stand ready to ensure that the Department of the Navy has the resources it needs to accomplish its mission and care for its Sailors and families.

Sincerely,



Ted Cruz  
United States Senator



John Cornyn  
United States Senator



Michael Cloud  
Member of Congress