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The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Defense  
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The Honorable Pete Visclosky  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Defense  
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Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Visclosky:

As you prepare to develop the Fiscal Year 2015 Defense Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you include report language encouraging the U.S. Department of Defense to continue funding for modeling and simulation research and acquisition.

*Language Request: Department of Defense Modeling and Simulation Programs -- The Committee recognizes the importance and contributions of the modeling and simulation industry to many sectors of the American economy, and in particular its applications in training warfighters in our military. Modeling and simulation is particularly effective in providing platforms to prepare warfighters and small unit leaders for rapid decision-making in asymmetric and irregular combat. The Committee recognizes that modeling and simulation will continue to serve as a valuable and cost-effective training method for aviation, space, surface and subsurface platforms, ground vehicles, and maintenance.*

*The Committee believes that the Department of Defense should further harness the entrepreneurial and innovative spirit of industry, academia and the organic research and engineering resources of the Department to facilitate the progress in state of the art training by making greater use of modeling and simulation. The Committee encourages persistent and augmented use of modeling and simulation technology in scenario-based training, aggressive simulation technology research and development efforts, and active endeavors to substitute training that employs simulation for more expensive forms of training.*

I urge you to include this important report language in the Fiscal Year 2015 Defense Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Daniel Webster  
Member of Congress