**On January 18th, 2019, the Department of Defense (DoD) submitted a Congressionally-mandated report which reaffirms that intensifying climate change threatens our military readiness and infrastructure. But despite the need for urgent climate action, the Trump administration still refuses to move forward on solutions.**

* The DoD report reaffirms what we already know – that climate change is a pressing national security issue that is already impacting our military’s missions, operational plans and installations.
* Since 2010, DoD has released multiple reports including the last two Quadrennial Defense Reviews [confirming the urgent threat of climate change](http://archive.defense.gov/pubs/2014_quadrennial_defense_review.pdf) to our national security, and [even Former DoD Secretary Mattis confirmed during his tenure](https://taskandpurpose.com/mattis-climate-change-trump) that climate change is a pressing national security issue.
* While the report acknowledges the massive and urgent threat climate change poses to our country’s security, it neglects to detail how this problem should be addressed and doesn’t prioritize where to start.
* Whether the Trump administration wants to admit it or not, climate change is already costing the DoD significant amounts of taxpayer resources and impacting military readiness. As [Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island notes](https://www.reed.senate.gov/news/releases/reed-statement-on-trump-administrations-inadequate-and-incomplete-climate-change-risk-assessment-report):
  + Hurricane Michael and the destruction of Tyndall Air Force Base will cost the Air Force over $5 billion to rebuild.
  + The damage from Hurricane Florence will cost the Marine Corps roughly $3.7 billion to rebuild Camp Lejeune.
  + Three named storms in 2017 cost the Department over $1.7 billion in infrastructure repairs alone – and these aren’t even mentioned in the report.
* On top of the damage climate change has already done, this year’s report found that approximately 67% of military installations assessed face immediate threats from flooding, 54% currently face threats from drought, and 46% currently face threats from wildfires. Those percentages jump even higher when future vulnerabilities are taken into consideration.
* The report also fails to address the impact of climate change on the servicemen and women and their families who often live on or near these affected installations. Their children's schools and their communities' hospitals could be devastated by climate change if we don't take action to address the threat.
* Americans need solutions to our climate problems, not a watered-down admission of what the vast majority of communities across the country already know we need bold action to address. They don’t want President Trump’s refusal to put forth solutions to adversely impact the security environment where our troops live and serve.