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Dear Representative:

Taxpayers for Common Sense strongly urges you to support four amendments offered by Mr. Mulvaney (R-SC) to prohibit the use of Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) money to build facilities in H.R. 4974, the Fiscal Year 2017 Military Construction Appropriations Bill.

These amendments represent a common sense approach to military construction. Putting these projects in the OCO accounts, simply because they are overseas, is an unacceptable attempt to build them with “free” money from the slush fund. While the projects are overseas, military construction is not a contingency; it is carefully planned for in advance. OCO has been [defined](#) so as to strictly limit its use for military construction and is to be used for war fighting operations costs, such as equipment and weapon system replacement.

We believe a vote for the four Mulvaney amendments is a vote for better fiscal stewardship of taxpayer funds and an important step away from the ongoing misuse of the Overseas Contingency Operations account. We urge you support these amendments.

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Sincerely,

Taxpayers for Common Sense