

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 23, 2025

Mr. John Hall, Director
Defense Commissary Agency
1300 Eisenhower Avenue
Fort Lee, Virginia 23801

Dear Director Hall,

I write to express concern over reports that the commissary located at Moffett Federal Airfield will cease operations in 2026 and to request additional information regarding this decision.

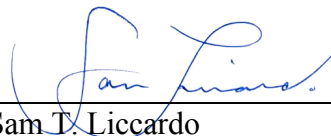
The commissary at Moffett Federal Airfield is the region's only commissary and has long served as the primary grocery vendor for military families across the Bay Area. The nearest alternative is nearly 75 miles away—an unreasonable distance for service members and veterans to travel for affordable groceries and other essentials. Our service members and veterans have sacrificed their lives to protect our ability to live in freedom and with security. Closing the commissary at Moffett Federal Airfield diminishes support available to our Bay Area military community, creating a preventable food desert for those who need it most.

I encourage the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) to work with NASA Ames Research Center, which owns the building that currently houses the commissary, to develop a plan that preserves or replaces this critical facility and ensures continued access for the Bay Area's military community. In addition, I respectfully request a written response to the following questions by November 21, 2025:

1. What is DeCA's timeline for reaching a decision on the commissary's future, and how is the agency communicating this process to affected patrons?
2. Has DeCA developed contingency or relocation plan in the event it does not reach an agreement with NASA?
3. Given the Bay Area's high cost of living, how is DeCA assessing the economic impact on military families and retirees who rely on commissary savings to meet household needs?

I value DeCA's longstanding commitment to our service members and veterans, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,



Sam T. Liccardo
Member of Congress