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MONTEREY BAY DEFENSE ALLIANCE APPLAUDS GOVERNOR'S MILITARY COUNCIL REPORT

The Monterey Bay Defense Alliance (MBDA) appreciates and applauds the December 2019 Report, "[California Statewide & Regional National Security Economic Impacts](#)", produced by the Governor's Military Council.

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This Report is a reminder that California remains the number one state for national security assets and military spending. Current military spending in California amounts to about \$98 billion per year in direct spending by federal defense agencies and their contractors, plus related indirect spending, resulting in a total economic impact of about \$167 billion per year. The military presence in California produces additional tax revenues within the state of about \$7 billion per year, and supports over 795,000 fulltime jobs. The total impact of military spending in California is comparable to that of the agriculture and film industries.

"California remains the number one State for Defense spending. Top industries benefitting from Defense spending in California are professional services and manufacturing, specifically our California aerospace industries," said Janie Nall, Co-Chair of the California Defense Communities Alliance (CDCA) and representative from Beale Military Liaison Council. "Our CDCA members are thrilled to see the Governor and the Governor's Military Council continuing to provide solid information about California's national security assets."

"We congratulate Governor's Military Council Chair Rocky Chavez and Vice Chair Jody Breckenridge for promoting California as the centerpiece of our nation's security and defense," said CDCA Co-Chair Gene Fisher from Regional Defense Partnership - 21st Century, in Ventura County. "California's commitment to supporting national security remains strong."

For questions regarding this press release, please contact Mr. Fred Meurer, Chair, Monterey Bay Defense Alliance at meurer@meurermuni.com. The report is available at https://militarycouncil.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/81/2019/12/CRB_NatSecEconImpact-2019-Report.pdf

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