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FROM: Congressman Chris Chocola
Contact: Sarah Anderson, Senior Legislative Assistant

DATE: March 3, 2006

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RE: Constituent Inquiry

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COMMENTS:

Attached please find an inquiry by one of our constituents concerning publication of *The Base Structure Report*. If you could provide guidance as to whether this information can be made available, I would appreciate it. I can be reached at (202) 225-3915. Thank you.

Sarah

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Secretary Donald Rumsfeld
Department of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld,

We are writing to ask that the Department of Defense implement the recommendations made by the Defense Business Board's Military Postal Service Task Group regarding the Military Postal Service Agency (MPSA), as reported in December 2005.

As you know, the Board recommended that the Department immediately issue an open-ended Request for Proposal (RFP) to allow the private sector to provide an innovative, comprehensive solution for the processing and delivery of military mail. Additionally, the Board recommended that the Department seek to achieve the most efficient business model that capitalizes on economies of scale and organizational efficiencies, as well as develop a coordinated implementation strategy to address current management, budget, organizational, and policy issues.

In the year 2003 alone, the MPSA delivered more than 65 million pounds of letters and parcels to troops serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom at a cost of nearly \$150 million. The Board estimates that a private-sector solution to military mail would achieve economies of scale, efficiencies, and cost savings of 30 percent.

Mail delivery is not the core business of our troops. The Department should minimize the use of troops handling the mail so they are able to focus on their primary function: fighting the war on terror. Most importantly, the Government Accountability Office found that more than half of service members reported they were dissatisfied with the quality of mail delivery, underscoring the negative impact it can have on troop morale. We can do better.

Issuing an RFP will fix the broken MPSA, save American taxpayers millions of dollars, and increase the morale of our troops. It ought to be carried out immediately.

Sincerely,


JEFF FLAKE
Member of Congress


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The Honorable Powell A. Moore
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Defense
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Dear Secretary Moore:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent (b)(6) regarding his concerns with the U.S. Department of Defense. Any assistance you can give (b)(6) would be greatly appreciated.

Enclosed is a Privacy Act form that (b)(6) provided my office along with other information that may be helpful in resolving this matter. I ask that every consideration and effort is given to this case and the process expedited. Please provide my office with a written response to this inquiry as soon as possible.

I have asked my caseworker, Jayne Murray, to assist (b)(6) in this matter. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact her at my district office located at 626 Clinton Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35801, or by phone at (256) 551-0190.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Bud Cramer
Member of Congress

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Mr. Lawrence T. DiRita, Special Assistant
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Dear Mr. DiRita:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer. We would greatly appreciate any assistance you can offer.

Sincerely,

Wm. Lacy Clay

Wm. Lacy Clay
Member of Congress

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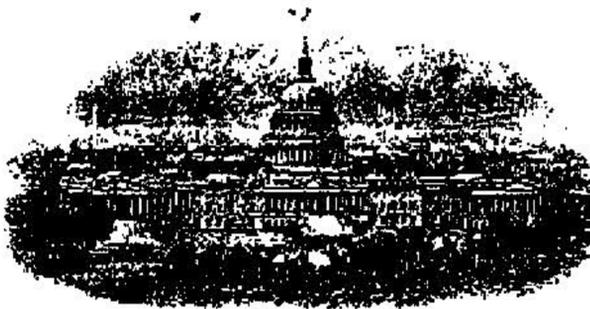
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Dear Secretary Moore:

REF: (b)(6)
Athens, Alabama 35613-8116
(b)(6)

The enclosed information was received from my constituent regarding concerns he has about the proposed increased TRICARE premium. Any information or assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Please review this matter and provide me with a written reply, so that I may respond to (b)(6). I have asked my caseworker, Peggy Allen Towns, to assist her in this matter. If you need any additional information, do not hesitate to contact her at my Decatur district office. Please direct your response to: The Honorable Bud Cramer, Morgan County Courthouse, P. O. Box 668, Decatur, Alabama 35602. The fax number is (256) 355-9406 or e-mail at Peggy.Towns@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Bud Cramer
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April 19, 2006

The Honorable Donald Winter
Secretary of Navy
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Dear Secretary Winter:

On behalf of Fort Worth, Texas, I request that one of the U.S. Navy's new Littoral Combat Ships be named the *USS Fort Worth*. Please consider naming LCS Hulls 4, 5 or later numbered hulls the *USS Fort Worth*.

I believe designating a ship for Fort Worth meets the Navy's test that a ship's name must represent a place, an event or individual with character, spirit and service.

Fort Worth has a long history with the U.S. military as it protects America and defends freedom. Its association began in 1849 when a U.S. Army fort was established as a frontier outpost on the banks of the Trinity River and it continued into World War I with Camp Bowie, a U.S. Army facility that trained thousands of young men for battle in Europe. Fort Worth also hosted three training airfields. In World War II, a bomber plant now known as Lockheed Martin Aeronautics and the former Carswell Air Force Base were established in Fort Worth and played a vital role in our fight for freedom. Fort Worth's association with the military continues today. Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, formally Carswell Air Force Base, along with Lockheed Martin and Bell Helicopter-Textron and many other companies that manufacture the best military aircraft and other equipment in the world, are an important part of the Fort Worth fabric. And, of course, thousands upon thousands of men and women from Fort Worth have or are currently serving in the U.S. military.

The effort to name a Navy ship the *USS Fort Worth* is expected to have broad support within the Fort Worth community. The other members of Congress who represent Fort Worth also are invited to join me in this effort.

I plan to announce our effort soon to our citizens and will introduce the members of the USS Fort Worth Campaign Ship Naming Committee

I invite you to visit Fort Worth to see first hand the pride that our citizens have in their long association with the U.S military Naming an LCS after Fort Worth will not only honor that relationship, but the best traditions of the United States Navy as well.

Sincerely,



Kay Granger

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12TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

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April 26, 2006

Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England
Department of Defense
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Dear Secretary England:

I want to update on my efforts to have a U.S. Navy ship named for the City of Fort Worth.

I submitted a letter to Secretary of Navy Donald Winter requesting that one of the U.S. Navy's new Littoral Combat Ships be named the *USS Fort Worth*. I suggested the Secretary consider naming LCS Hulls 4, 5 or later numbered hulls the *USS Fort Worth*. I also asked Admiral Michael Mullen, the Chief of Naval Operations, to support the naming of a ship the *USS Fort Worth*. Copies of my letters are enclosed.

As you know well, Fort Worth has a long history with the U.S. military that began when the U.S. Army established "Fort Worth" on the banks of the Trinity River and continues through the present. Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth is an important part of the Fort Worth fabric as are Lockheed Martin, Bell Helicopter Textron and the many other companies that make up Fort Worth's defense industry.

I am announcing the campaign at the Downtown Fort Worth Rotary Club on Friday, April 28, 2006. Rotary President-Elect J.R. Labbe is leading the club in not only writing letters of support for naming a ship the *USS Fort Worth* she said the Fort Worth Rotary Club will offer to adopt the ship and its crews once the ship sails. I am forming a 25-member committee to help me with this campaign. It includes our dear friend Mayor Bob Bolen, Mayor Mike Moncrief and persons from Fort Worth business, civic, military and neighborhood communities. ~~I will be asking local, state and federal officials from Texas as well as all Fort Worth citizens to join me in asking Secretary Winter to name a ship for Fort Worth.~~

The idea of naming a Navy ship for Fort Worth has received wholehearted support every time I have mentioned the idea.

I appreciate the support that you have given to District 12 throughout your tenure at the Department of Defense.

Sincerely,

Kay Granger
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Powell A. Moore, Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs
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Washington, DC 20301-1300

Re: (b)(6) - SSN (b)(6)

Dear Secretary Moore:

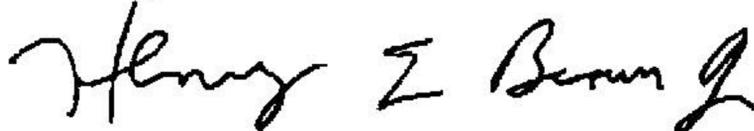
I received a request from the referenced constituent who is being denied a security clearance because of debts. I am enclosing a copy of her letter and supporting documentation.

Because (b)(6) has over 20 years of Government service and because of the strong recommendation from Administrative Law Judge Thomas Crean, I want to appeal to you to ask Human Resources to help place her in an appropriate available position that does not require a security clearance.

She called my office last week with a concern that her supervisor is preparing to fire her. I will appreciate any assistance that can be given her.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, contact Earl Copeland in my Charleston District Office at (843) 747-4175, or email at earl.copeland@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Henry E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress

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May 5, 2006

The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

cc:David S.C. Chu
Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

We are greatly concerned about possible actions at the upcoming Department of Defense (DoD) Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee meeting on May 9-11, 2006. As you may know, the Committee plans to review the Plan B morning-after pill as part of the "contraceptives" drug class. We urge the Committee not to mandate DOD coverage of the morning-after pill.

Although approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the medical literature shows and many Americans believe that Plan B is not simply another form of contraception. Contraception by definition prevents conception, whereas Plan B and other morning-after pills may take effect after conception has occurred, affecting and aborting the life of a tiny embryo. One of the ways the drug works, according to its manufacturer, the FDA, and various scientific studies, is by altering the endometrium (the lining of the womb), which could inhibit implantation of a conceived human embryo. Unfortunately, many women are unaware of this when they are given Plan B. The military should not be in the abortion business and this drug should not be required to be on the shelves of military medical facilities.

As you know, there are many minors covered in the TRICARE system. Adding Plan B to the required coverage list means that thousands of teens will be able to go to a military health facility (MTF), many without their parents' knowledge, get the morning-after pill, and possibly abort their unborn children. This is unacceptable.

While the morning-after pill is a controversial topic over which many Americans and many members of the Armed Forces disagree, it would be unconscionable for the U.S. military to force pharmacy personnel to stock and dispense it, forcing many to violate their consciences. When President Clinton required abortion in the military, no military doctor was willing to perform them. Similarly, many pharmacists in the military do not want to be complicit with a drug that can abort a human embryo. DoD medical personnel should be focused on saving lives during a time of war, not responding to the pressures of being forced or coerced into dispensing a drug that may end lives.

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For these reasons, we strongly urge you to carefully monitor the upcoming DoD P&T meeting, and to ensure that the military does not mandate the morning-after pill in its MTF's.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter and for your service to all Americans.

Sincerely,

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June 9, 2006

Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

This letter is to request that your office initiate an immediate re-investigation into the circumstance surrounding the untimely death of Private First Class LaVena Johnson. Pfc. Johnson was a member of the 129th Corps Support Battalion based out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky. She died on July 19, 2005, in Balad, Iraq. In April 2006, the Military Criminal Investigation Command concluded its investigation into her death and reported that Pfc. Johnson died (b)(6)

After numerous conversations with Army officials, the Johnson family strongly believes the military investigation into their daughter's death was flawed and that officials failed to address many questions surrounding her death. The evidence presented by her remains, as well as family members' knowledge and communications with Pfc. Johnson prior to her death, cause her family to doubt the cause of death reported by military officials.

According to her family the wounds displayed on the body of Pfc. Johnson, and her missing personal effects, suggest that she was a murder victim. It appears to the Johnson family, and we share their concern, that military investigators may have drawn an immediate conclusion that Pfc. Johnson died (b)(6) and then proceeded to conduct an investigation intended to support this assumption. The family has questioned why there was no medical test conducted to determine whether Pfc. Johnson may have been the victim of a sexual assault. They have also questioned whether there were any medical or psychological records, or even anecdotal reports, to support the notion that Pfc. Johnson may have been suffering from stress, depression or any other mental condition that might have led her to take her own life.

Prior to her death, Pfc. Johnson did not give any indication that she might act (b)(6) She was by all accounts known to be a strong individual and a committed soldier. She was by all accounts known to be a strong, hard working, well-adjusted individual and a committed soldier with a very bright future. The known facts about her life and her passing suggest that she was more likely the victim of a violent death than the assertion that she was actually responsible for (b)(6)

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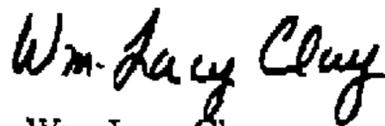
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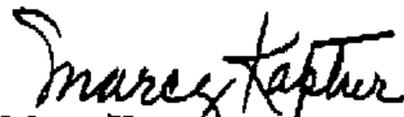
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June 9, 2006
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The Johnson family believes that military officials did not conduct a complete and thorough investigation into the true circumstances of her death and that she may have been a homicide victim. We share their concerns and hope that you will immediately take action to re-open the investigation to ensure that all of the questions raised by Pfc. Johnson's family be thoroughly investigated and reported.

Sincerely,



Wm. Lacy Clay
Member of Congress



Marcy Kaptur
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Cynthia McKinney
Member of Congress

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 13, 2006

Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
3080 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

We are writing to you in regard to the study the Department of Defense is undertaking to examine the impact windmill farms have on our nation's military readiness. We believe the report should not only detail the impacts that wind projects have on military radar systems, but also thoroughly examine the effective technologies that are available to mitigate any potential interference problems.

As you know, Senator John Warner (R-VA) added a provision to the FY06 National Defense Authorization Act that required the Department of Defense (DOD) to study and report on the effects of wind projects on military readiness. Subsequently, the DOD issued a joint interim policy with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which officially created the "DOD Wind Farm Action Team" and tasked it with the responsibility of preparing and submitting a final report to Congress. While the language in the Defense Authorization Act directs the DOD to submit the final report no later than 120 days after its enactment on January 6, 2006, it is our understanding that your team may delay issuing it until sometime later this summer.

It also is our understanding that technologies exist to successfully mitigate interference that wind turbines may have on military radar systems. We certainly agree that Senator Warner's provision clearly requires you to assess "...technologies that could mitigate any adverse effects on military operations...", but we want to stress the importance of analyzing the technologies that developers have used - and are using - in the U.S. and abroad.

More specifically, we would find it extremely useful to learn from your report what mitigation technologies and practices are currently available, how and where some have been used, their successes and limitations, what types of new mitigation technologies are being developed, and an analysis of the potential costs to developers or federal departments to deploy them.

No U.S. wind project has ever been cancelled solely because of its impact on civilian or military radar systems. This is largely because developers, the DOD, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), have historically worked closely together on proposed wind projects to utilize technologies and practices that mitigate any interference problems. We believe these mitigation efforts have worked well and will continue to do so as long as the DOD continues its good faith effort to work with developers - not against them. It is our hope that your report will discuss the importance of continuing this cooperative relationship between the DOD, FAA and wind project developers when examining the use of mitigation technologies.

Developing clean, renewable resources is a priority for many Members of Congress and wind power will undoubtedly be a large part of our energy future. Therefore, we also encourage you to hold a Congressional briefing on this issue prior to submitting the report so that Members and



staff can provide you with additional insight about what is occurring in their congressional districts to develop more renewable sources of energy. Additional input from Congress will help improve the quality of the final product and provide us with a blueprint for developing future wind projects in a manner that addresses DOD concerns.

We certainly recognize and respect the paramount importance of any concern relating to national security, but we strongly encourage you to submit a report that not only thoroughly details the impacts of wind projects on military radar systems, but also presents workable solutions. Efforts to increase our energy security through the development of domestic, renewable resources only complement efforts to increase our national security and sustain our military's readiness. Thank you in advance for your attention to the requests detailed above and we look forward to a prompt response.

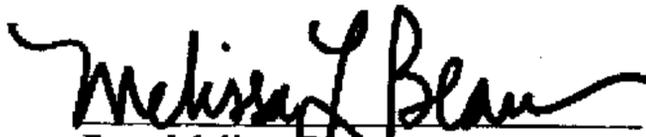
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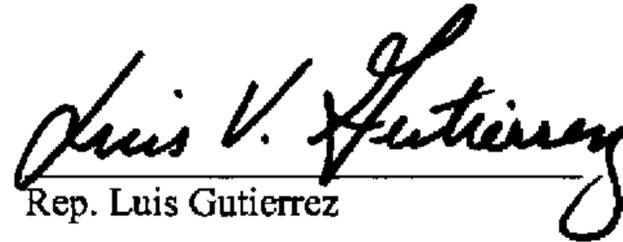
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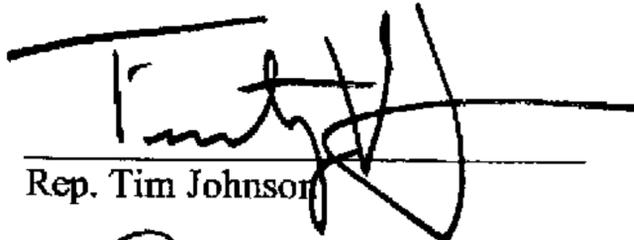
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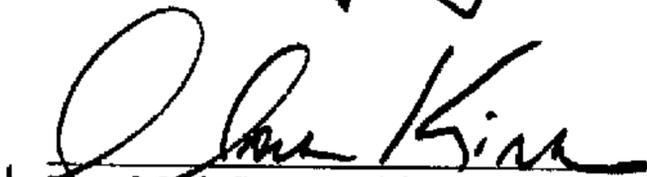
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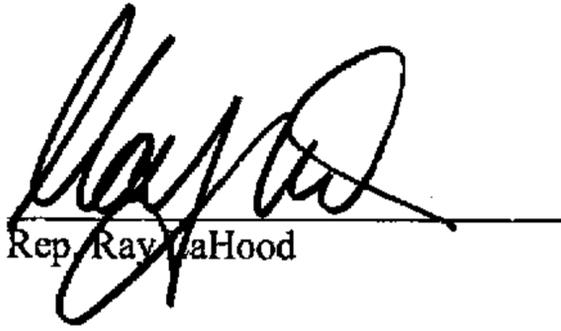
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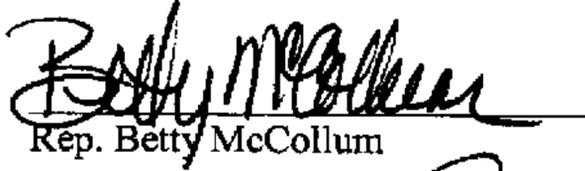
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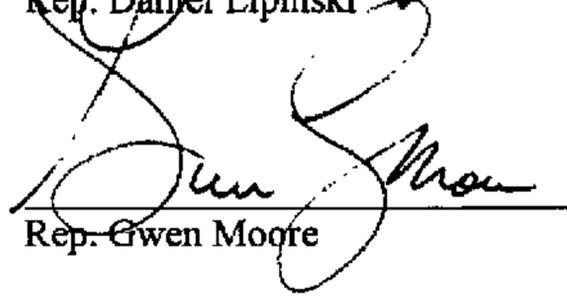
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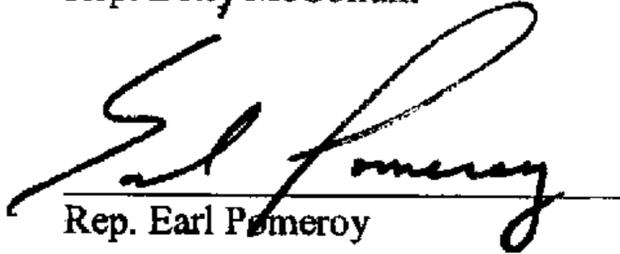
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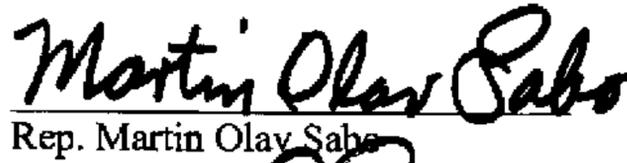

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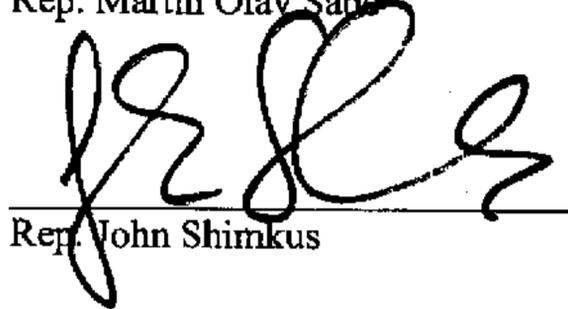

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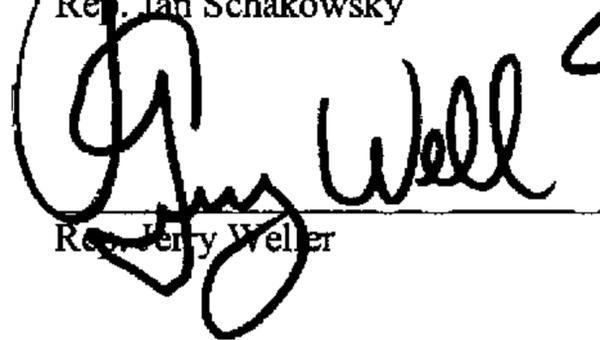

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The Honorable Daniel R. Stanley
U.S. Department of Defense
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs
1300 Defense Pentagon
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Dear Daniel,

Please consider the enclosed information and forward me the necessary response for reply to my constituent. (b)(6) (b)(6) has an urgent matter regarding his eligibility for officer training and admission to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

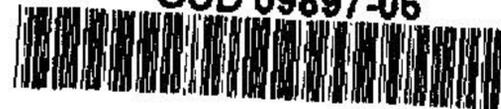
Please send your response to Kelly D. Hedman of my district office, via facsimile at 480-833-6314 or by electronic mail, Kelly.hedman@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England
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Dear Secretary England:

The campaign to name a U.S. Navy ship for the City of Fort Worth is being well received by the Fort Worth community. Residents are looking forward to the day when a Navy ship is named the *USS Fort Worth*. To keep you up-to-date, I have attached a summary of what we have accomplished in the short time since I announced the campaign.

Last week I visited the Lockheed Martin ship building division in Washington, DC for a briefing and tour of the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) model and demonstration center. This new class of ship will indeed provide our Navy and military with new capabilities in shallow, coastal waters across the globe. I was very impressed with the briefing and tour I received and am more excited than ever about our efforts to name an LCS the *USS Fort Worth*.

Sincerely,

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Kay Granger

*Don -
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a good name*

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July 10, 2006

Mr. Lawrence T. DiRita, Special Assistant
Department of Defense
Washington Headquarters Services
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Dear Mr. DiRita:

The attached communication regarding (b)(6) is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer. We would greatly appreciate any assistance you can offer.

Sincerely,

Wm. Lacy Clay

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August 14, 2006

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense
U. S. Department of Defense
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Dear Honorable Rumsfeld:

In light of the current situation regarding the likely decision within coming weeks and months to cease production of the Boeing C-17 Airlifter, I would like your acknowledgment and support of converting the Military production of the C-17, to the Commercial BC-17X Freighter.

This initiative will preserve the production capabilities of this National Resource/Asset, and the Defense Infrastructure for future potential USAF buys, while enabling the establishment of a new all-cargo carrier within the US Commercial Airline Industry. We as a nation must currently rely on Russian and other AN-124 aircraft if the DoD Assets are over tasked or if Commercial Industry must move Oversized and overweight cargo by air. There should be a US Commercial Airlift alternative. This is in our National Security and Economic Security Interests.

I appeal to all of the decision makers at all levels within the Boeing Company, and within the Department of Defense and US Air Force, to promote this move. This well developed proposal encompasses several vital areas of national interest, both economic and strategic. Boeing has the opportunity to sell aircraft and to preserve options for their Stockholders. It will continue to provide countless jobs throughout their supply chain. The DoD will have access to additional C-17/BC-17X Aircraft, since any BC-17X aircraft sold, would be sold only to US Corporations and the aircraft would be part of the Civilian Reserve Airlift Fleet, and represents no or little expense to US Taxpayers.

In an earlier period of our history a similar scenario played out in the "civilianization" of the Air Force C-130 Hercules aircraft, which was planned, developed and manufactured under DOD contract. Leaders in aviation recognized the tremendous advantages of that plane in providing cargo service to areas with runways that would not accommodate other commercial aircraft. It proved to be highly successful. It seems to me that a fleet of C-17/BC-17X, a new generation of cargo aircraft, can provide a reasonable alternative in moving ever increasing volumes of commercial cargo that will give much needed relief to our clogged highway system.

I will appreciate your support and approval of this process to certify this aircraft for commercial use. Please let me know if I may be of assistance in some way.

Sincerely,


Henry E. Brown, Jr.
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cc: The Honorable Michael Wynne, Secretary of the Air Force
Lt. Gen. Donald J. Hoffman, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for



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TO: Honorable Powell A. Moore

FROM: Debbie Johnson

DATE: 8/21/2006

FAX #: 703-695-5860

RE: Inquiry

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COMMENTS:

Please see the attached inquiry from (b)(6). I appreciate your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Debbie

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The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense
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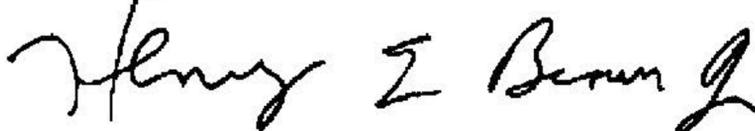
Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

I am enclosing correspondence from my constituent, (b)(6), of (b)(6),
(b)(6) (b)(6) who applied for Naturalization on October 5, 2005 (b)(6)
(b)(6) is stationed at the Charleston AFB but is currently deployed overseas.

Our office contacted USCIS at the Nebraska Service Center. From our understanding, this service center processes all military petitions. When our office made an inquiry on (b)(6) behalf, we were told "We are waiting for a dossier to arrive. Currently the dossier is open which means we will never receive it until it is closed." We have also been told that the dossier was opened by the USAF or the DOD. Is there a time frame for this dossier to be completed? Could you explain this process?

Your help in resolving this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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August 31, 2006

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense
U. S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1300

Dear Honorable Rumsfeld:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent (b)(6), an Air Force veteran, of (b)(6) (b)(6) 29579 who needs copies of all his medical records including the records detailing his exposure to radiation in 1988 and 1989, while taking part in a INF Treaty missile inspection in the former Soviet Union referenced in the enclosed privacy release. Please find a more detailed account of (b)(6) problem enclosed. I would appreciate your assistance in examining this matter and replying to his request. Thank you for your time and consideration.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Cam Crawford in my Myrtle Beach office.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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September 7, 2006

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense
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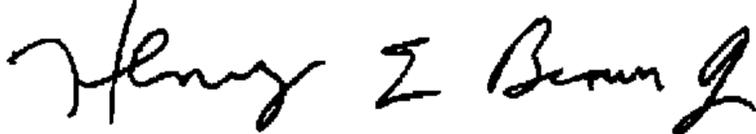
Dear Honorable Rumsfeld:

I received a request from the referenced constituent who has concerns about the mosque being built on a military installation. Although his letter references Camp Lejuene, I understand from the chaplain at Camp Lejuene that the facility to which he is referring is actually at Quantico, VA.

Please assist me in responding to this constituent's concerns.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, contact Earl Copeland in my Charleston District Office at (843) 747 -4175, or email at earl.copeland@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Powell A. Moore, Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs
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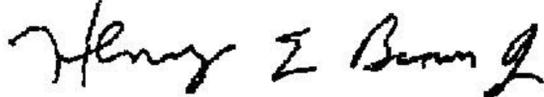
Re: (b)(6)

Dear Secretary Moore:

I received a request from the referenced constituent who is a federal employee in Germany, but is having problems with his Drivers License reinstatement and reimbursement. I have enclosed the copy of his letter explaining his problem. Please advise what can be done to correct his problem.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, contact Earl Copeland in my Charleston District Office at (843)747-4175, or email at Earl.Copeland@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Henry E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress

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October 11, 2006

Mr. Lawrence T. DiRita, Special Assistant
Department of Defense
The Pentagon, R00m 3E966
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Dear Mr. DiRita:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer. We would greatly appreciate any assistance you can offer.

Sincerely,

Wm. Lacy Clay

Wm. Lacy Clay
Member of Congress

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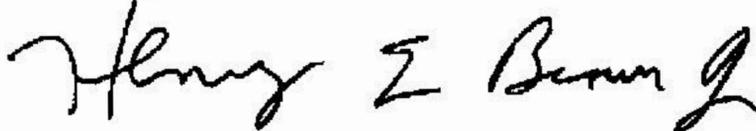
Dear Honorable Rumsfeld:

I am enclosing correspondence from my constituent, (b)(6) of (b)(6) in (b)(6) 29420, who would like to know if is able to obtain the Department of Defense's Defense of Freedom Metal and how he could go about applying for the metal. Also, if he is not able to obtain this metal, what would be the qualifications one must have in order to achieve the Defense of Freedom Metal? I would appreciate your assistance in replying to my office regarding (b)(6) case.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Earl Copeland in my Charleston office.

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Sincerely,



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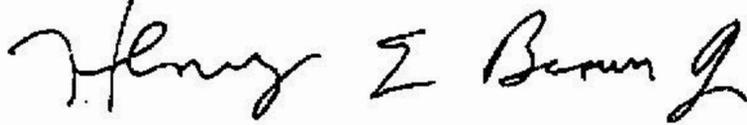
The Honorable Robert Wilkie
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1300

Dear Secretary Wilkie:

I received a request from the referenced constituent, (b)(6) who needs to obtain a flag for each branch of the armed services, the Air Force, the Army, Marines, Navy, and Coast Guard. He is doing this for a memorial site in the City of Hanahan, SC and needs prompt assistance.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, contact Jessica Swallen in my Charleston District Office at (843)-747-4175, or email at Jessica.Swallen@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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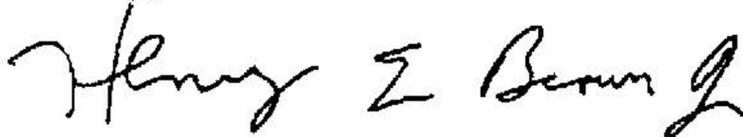
Dear Secretary Wilkie:

I am enclosing correspondence from my constituent (b)(6) of (b)(6) in Summerville, SC 29485, who would like to know if her dilemma is protected by the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act. I would appreciate your assistance in replying to our office as soon as possible.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Jessica Swallen in my Charleston office.

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Sincerely,



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November 8, 2006

The Honorable Robert Wilkie, Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs
U. S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1300

Re: (b)(6) (b)(6) Contract Employee

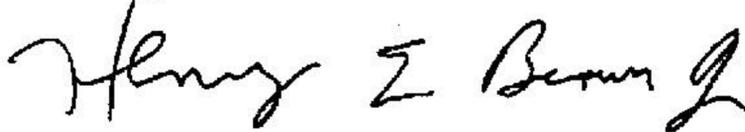
Dear Secretary Wilkie:

I received a request from the referenced constituent who has a child enrolled in Patch High School, where his tuition has been being paid until a recent change has left the family in a bad position financially. I am enclosing a copy of his letter to me and other documents provided by (b)(6)

Please look into this situation and advise if this decision is government-wide or applies only to this contract. Why the change in policy and/or practice?

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, contact Earl Copeland in my Charleston District Office at (843) 747-4175, or email at earl.copeland@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Henry E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress

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November 14, 2006

The Honorable Gordon England
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Office of the Deputy Secretary
The Pentagon
Room 3E880
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Secretary England,

We are writing to express our deep concern over the Joint Common Missile (JCM) program. It has come to our attention that the Department of Defense is withholding spending authority for both fiscal year 2006 and 2007 funding. Furthermore, recent reports indicate that the Department is considering recompeting the program, even though the program continues to support the needs of the warfighter and remains on budget.

The Joint Common Missile fills a critical capability gap in both Army and Navy missile technology. Moreover, JCM will eliminate current missile shortfalls in the moving target, day/night, adverse weather, and countermeasure environments. It represents a leap in warfighting potential and is a prime example of the Department of Defense's transformational and jointness goals.

While Program Budget Decision 753 terminated the Joint Common Missile in December 2004, Congress restored \$30 million for the program in both fiscal years 2006 and 2007. The JCM is a viable and executable program that Congress clearly believes should remain intact. With the JCM requirement being recently revalidated by the Joint Requirements Oversight Council in July, the program has consistently and continuously proven itself.

It appears to us that the Department is ignoring the cost and performance benefits of an advanced missile system that meets current and future requirements for multiple Services. The JCM program remains on budget and if funded adequately and in a timely manner, on schedule. It must be continued. Further delaying or recompeting the program does not make sense for either the warfighter or the taxpayer.

We respectfully request you promptly act to fulfill congressional intent in maintaining the Joint Common Missile program. Our sole objective must be to provide the warfighter with the best equipment possible. The JCM represents the future in

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tactical missile technology and we look forward to hearing that fiscal year 2006 and 2007 funding has been obligated.

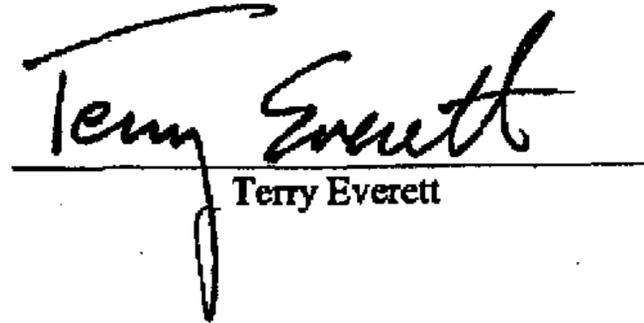
Thank you in advance for your assistance and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


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November 15, 2006

The Honorable Robert Wilkie
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1300

Re: (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Hanahan, SC 29406

Dear Secretary Wilkie:

Please find enclosed a copy of the correspondence I received from my constituent, (b)(6).
It would be most appreciated if you would review this letter and respond directly to the constituent
and send me a copy of that response.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Henry E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress

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November 28, 2006

Congressional Liaison
Department of Defense
The Pentagon
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Dear Sir/Madame:

I am forwarding a copy of the correspondence I received from (b)(6) regarding his firm's involvement in the New Joint Forces Reserve Center project at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, Missouri. As (b)(6) explains, funding for this project has been frozen.

I would appreciate it if your office might review the status of this project and share with me any pertinent information.

If you need any additional information, please contact Michele Bogdanovich at 202.225.2409.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Wm. Lacy Clay

Wm. Lacy Clay
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The Honorable Daniel R. Stanley
U.S. Department of Defense
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Daniel,

Please consider the enclosed information and forward me the necessary response for reply to my constituent, (b)(6).

Please send your response to Kelly Hedman of my district office, 1640 S. Stapley Dr., Suite 215, Mesa, Arizona 85204. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

JEFF FLAKE
Member of Congress

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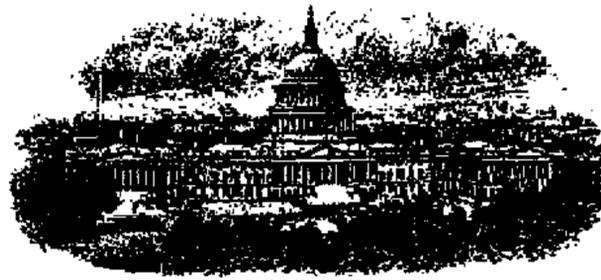
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January 5, 2007

The Honorable Dr. Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
1000 Defense Pentagon
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Dear Secretary Gates:

As you know, the repositioning of overseas U.S. troops and the base closings and repositionings that were mandated by the 2005 round of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission are critical both to the Defense Department's transformation agenda and our national security.

Although recent media reports have highlighted a shortfall in the amount of funding that has been made available to support this transformation, I believe it is critical that we fulfill our obligation to complete the recommendations made in the 2005 BRAC process even in a tough budget environment.

As we work to ensure a sufficient level of funding is dedicated to this process, I would respectfully encourage you take all necessary steps to ensure that funding is available to allow the BRAC transitions to take place, even if this means reprogramming funds, or adding funds to BRAC accounts in the FY07 supplemental spending bill.

Again, I want to congratulate your department on undertaking the largest, most joint-service round of BRAC in the history of our nation and offer my full support for efforts to help put the process on a fast track.

Sincerely,

Bud Cramer
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense
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Dear Secretary Gates:

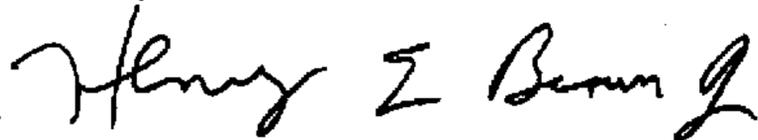
I received a letter from a constituent who is very concerned about an upcoming deployment to Baghdad without adequate protective gear and equipment. I am enclosing an unsigned letter that expresses the problem.

He said that this information is not just scuttle butt, it was given in the presence of a large group. This person has served one deployment in Iraq but is clearly concerned about this upcoming mission.

Mr. Secretary, now is the time to correct this problem. While I believe strongly in our mission there, it is incumbent on leaders of the Administration and the military to provide the maximum protection possible for our troops. The mission is extremely dangerous under the best of circumstances and it is unconscionable if we send our forces out there with less than the best. If there is a problem with procurement of enough protective equipment then we need to know what that problem is.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, contact Earl Copeland in my Charleston District Office at (843) 747-4175, or email at earl.copeland@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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February 9, 2007

The Hon. Robert Wilkie
Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs
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1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1300

Dear The Hon. Wilkie:

I am writing to you on behalf of (b)(6) who has contacted my office concerning the closing of her children's school in Italy. Enclosed is her letter for your review.

Please review the documents and respond to this request as soon as possible. If you have additional questions, please contact Danielle Gonzalez at (817) 338-0909.

Sincerely,


Kay Granger
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February 15, 2007

The Honorable Robert Wilkie
Ass. Sec of Defense for Legislative Affairs
U. S. Department of Defense
Mail Code 1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-0001

Dear Honorable Wilkie:

I am writing to you on behalf of (b)(6) who has contacted my office concerning his experience with Military Space Available travel. It seems he has been denied travel and does not understand why. Do you have a list of guidelines for traveling Space A and a priority listing? He also would like to know why 100% disabled veterans don't have the same privileges as retired veterans. Enclosed is additional information for your review.

Please review the documents and respond to this request as soon as possible. If you have additional questions, please contact Bonnie O'Leary at (817) 338-0909.

Sincerely,


Kay Granger
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March 12, 2007

The Honorable Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense
U. S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
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Re: NUMEROUS CONTACTS on (b)(6) - SSN (b)(6)

Dear Secretary Geren:

Beginning on October 11, 2006, I contacted Secretary Rumsfeld (original letter and fax confirmation sheet enclosed) on behalf of my constituent (b)(6) of (b)(6) in North Charleston, SC 29420, who would like to know if is eligible to obtain the Department of Defense's Defense of Freedom Medal and how he could go about applying for the medal. After no response for several weeks, my staff contacted the Secretary's office and was told they could not locate the request so it was retransmitted. They confirmed receipt and said it would be tasked to the Army and apologized for the delay.

My staff contacted the Army on 12/21/06 to check on the progress and was told that it was just that day received from D.O.D. They assured Mr. Copeland that the request would be expedited. My staff has made numerous phone calls since then trying to find the status of this request. On 1/25/07, he spoke with (b)(6) Army Pentagon, who checked with (b)(6) O.S.D. On 2/14/07 (b)(6) informed Mr. Copeland that 17 people were just approved for the medal but he didn't know if (b)(6) was one, but would call him back to let him know. On 2/20/07, Mr. Copeland left a voice message for (b)(6) On 2/28/07, Mr. Copeland attempted to contact (b)(6) and got a recording that his mailbox was full and could not leave a message.

Mr. Copeland then contacted LTC (b)(6) Army, who said that he would ask the Army's Legislative Liaison folks to follow up.

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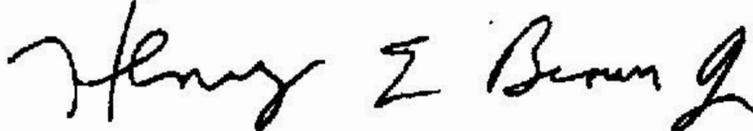
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(b)(6) served his country extremely well as a civilian police advisor, having been wounded in the line of duty by an IED. It seems incredible that it has taken this long and has been this ridiculously difficult to get an award to which he seems entitled (per enclosed D.O.D. News Release dated September 27, 2001). The troops and advisors in the field get the job done day in and day out. It is way past time to get this resolved.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Earl Copeland in my Charleston office.

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Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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Enclosures (49 pages)

cc: The Honorable Peter Geren, Acting Secretary of the Army

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 22, 2007

The Honorable Gordon England
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Office of the Deputy Secretary
The Pentagon
Room 3E880
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Secretary England,

We are writing to express our serious concerns over an Executive Agency designation for medium and high altitude unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). We understand that the Air Force issued a memorandum on March 5, 2007, outlining their interest in the Department of Defense (DoD) designating them as Executive Agent. In this capacity, the Air Force would oversee the development, acquisition, training, and sustainability for all UAVs that fly above 3,500 feet. We are apprehensive with the prospect that redesignating Executive Agency with the Air Force may very well come at the expense of the Army UAV program and, ultimately, the warfighter.

To us, the mere concept of Executive Agency for medium and high altitude UAVs is, in itself, troublesome. Having an Executive Agent carries the inherent risk that the Service designated, in this case the Air Force, should not have the capability to effectively balance and manage both tactical and strategic platforms. Air Force programs and missions naturally emphasize strategic aspects of UAV employment. The Army, on the other hand, emphasizes UAV support for tactical ground combat operations -- support of the warfighter. Army UAVs fly different flight profiles than strategic Air Force UAVs, at different altitudes, with different sensor payloads, for shorter durations. Army UAVs are less expensive, and some are actually expendable. Most importantly, the Army requires response times for its tactical UAV missions that we believe are unlikely to be achieved by the Air Force. If the Air Force controls any UAV that flies above 3,500 feet, we believe that tactical UAV requirements for ground combat units will become a lower priority to the Air Force's theater and strategic-related requirements.

In Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Army conducts nearly 80% of the current UAV operations. It does so with less than 20% of the DoD's UAV budget. Delegating control of Army UAVs to the Air Force, a Service that focuses on high-cost strategic platforms and has little expertise in tactical UAVs and their employment, is counterproductive, and we feel such a decision will adversely affect future tactical UAV development for the Army.

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This is why, two years ago, we fought against designating the Air Force as UAV Executive Agent and instead supported the establishment of a joint Center of Excellence for UAVs. The joint Center of Excellence at Creech Air Force Base allows increased coordination and collaboration between the Services, while allowing individual Services to establish Service-specific Centers to focus on particular capabilities. While we believe the joint center concept is a good first step in coming to grips with the countless technical and funding issues associated with UAV development in DoD, it is not clear to us that now residing authority for medium and high altitude unmanned aerial vehicles with the Air Force is the next logical step. On the contrary, it may very well defeat the intended purpose of the joint Center.

We consider an Air Force designation as Executive Agent for all Service UAVs to be contrary to the future development of tactical UAVs. Before any final Executive Agency designation is reached, we would like to discuss these UAV issues with you further. The resources involved are immense, and the sole objective must be to provide the warfighter the best equipment possible. We appreciate your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



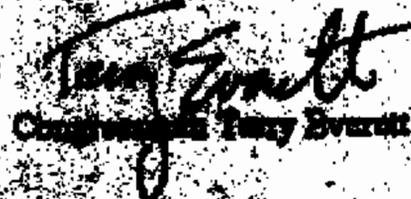
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- Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Chief of Staff of the Army
- Chief of Naval Operations
- Chief of Staff of the Air Force
- Commandant of the Marine Corps

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April 4, 2007

The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
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Dear Secretary Gates,

I was recently made aware of an issue regarding the potential mobilization and deployment of several Air National Guard RC-26 aircraft in support of Special Operations Command missions in the Middle East and thought it important to share my concerns with you. As you know, these highly capable aircraft are currently being used to provide law enforcement officials with valuable information during counter-narcotic missions along our nation's border. As such, the demand for the nation's eleven RC-26s is very high.

While I can fully appreciate how useful these aircraft might be to the important missions that Special Operations Command (SOCOM) performs overseas, I wanted to share my concerns about the potential for diminished law enforcement capability along our nation's border. The RC-26 has proven itself to be an essential asset in defeating drug smugglers, assisting in disaster relief operations and aiding our first responders in the execution of their duties. Other aircraft such as the P-3 Orion aircraft may be able to meet the demands that SOCOM has for aerial reconnaissance in the Middle East.

I am hopeful that you and your staff will consider the critical homeland security missions that the RC-26 performs for our nation when weighing a decision to deploy these aircraft overseas. With other airborne reconnaissance assets available to SOCOM, I am confident that we can work together to keep the RC-26 focused on the important role of defending our nation's borders.

Sincerely,


Kay Granger
Member of Congress

Copy to:

General Bryan "Doug" Brown, Commander, US Special Operations Command
Lieutenant General Craig R. McKinley, Director of the Air National Guard

Congress of the United States
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June 1, 2007

The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary
U.S. Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Gates:

Veterans and members of the armed services from our districts and across the country have expressed to us their concerns about the increased incidence of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease, or ALS) occurring in those who have served in the military. On behalf of these brave men and women, we the undersigned Members of Congress urge you to increase the Department's support for ALS research and request that you consider establishing a more coordinated approach to advancing ALS research at the Department of Defense.

As you may know, studies repeatedly have shown that military veterans are at a greater risk of dying from ALS than those with no history of military service. In fact, studies supported by the DOD and the Department of Veterans Affairs have found that veterans of the 1991 Persian Gulf War are approximately twice as likely to develop ALS as those who did not serve in the war, while another study conducted by researchers at Harvard University in 2005 found that people with any history of military service are at a 60% greater risk of developing ALS than those in the general population. The Institute of Medicine (IOM) recently reviewed these and other studies and reported in November 2006 that existing evidence supports the increased risk of ALS for veterans. According to the IOM, "[T]he implication is that military service in general - not confined to exposures specific to the Gulf War - is related to the development of ALS. The findings, if validated in other studies, suggest that exposures during military service, even among those with no wartime service, might be responsible."

Despite this evidence, only about \$2 million in funding per year is focused on ALS research - a small amount given the direct impact this disease has on our heroes who serve in the military. Therefore, we urge the Department to allocate additional resources for ALS research within the funds Congress provides to the Defense Health Program.

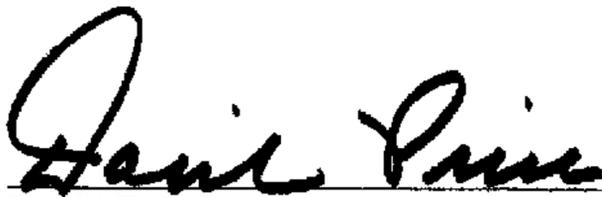
We are aware that the Department has funded ALS research through the Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program, the Military Operational Medicine Program and the Neurotoxin Exposure Treatment Research Program. These programs have enabled important ALS research to move forward. However, we believe the Department should consider establishing a more focused and coordinated approach to studying ALS so that it can effectively direct ALS research initiatives. We also encourage the Department to partner on ALS research with other federal agencies, including the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and the Department of Veterans Affairs, which has established a Veterans ALS Registry that has identified nearly 2,000 veterans with ALS.



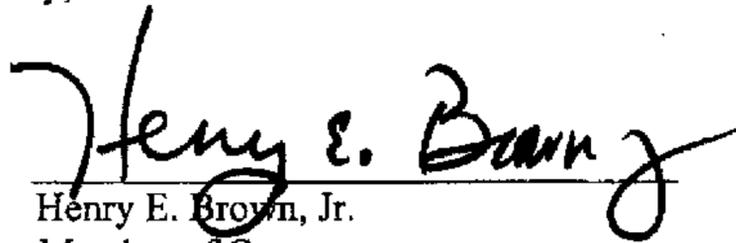
We strongly believe that this collaboration, combined with increased support from funds available to the Department, can help to determine why our veterans are more likely to die from ALS. As a result, we can help ensure that our nation takes appropriate action to protect the health and lives of our military men and women who each day risk their own lives in defense of this country. Importantly, research supported by the DOD, also will yield information and data about ALS that will benefit all people suffering from the disease and will help us make progress in finding a treatment and cure.

On behalf of our constituents and veterans with ALS across the country, we urge you to support this important research and look forward to working with you in support of our nation's servicemen and women and the greater ALS community.

Sincerely,



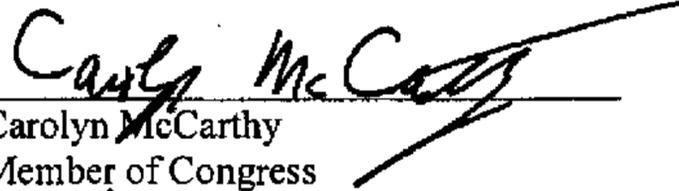
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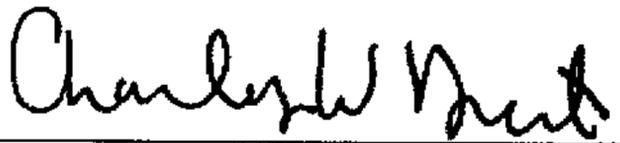
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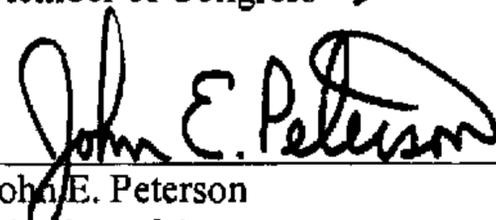
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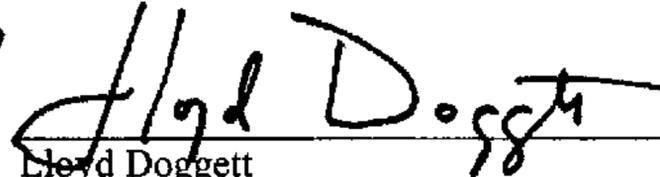
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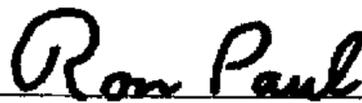
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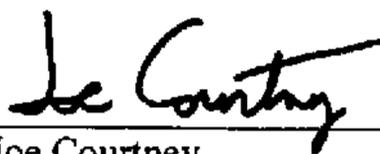
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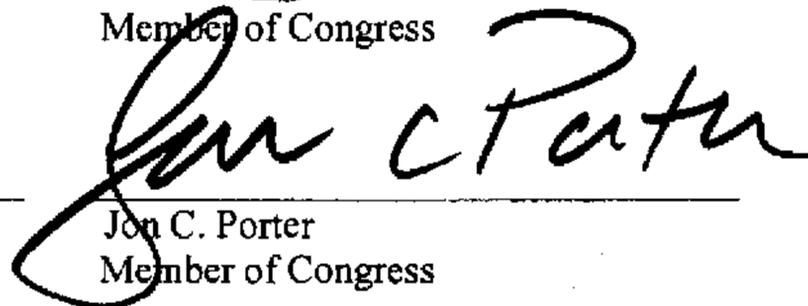
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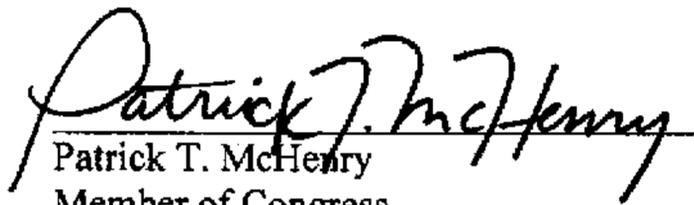
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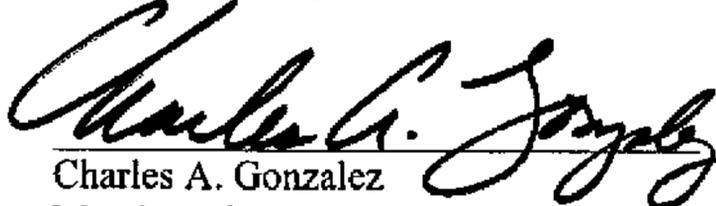
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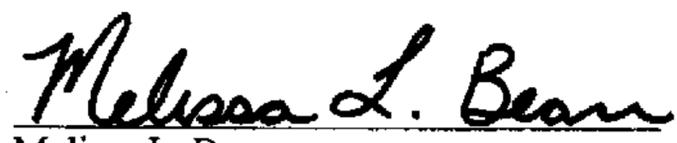

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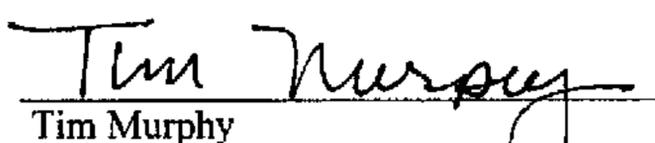

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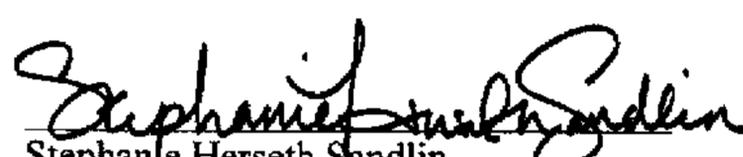

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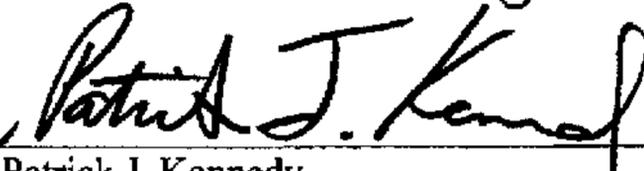

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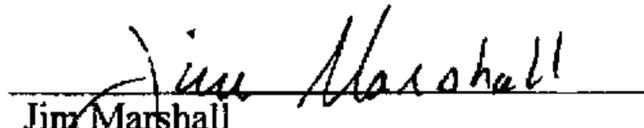

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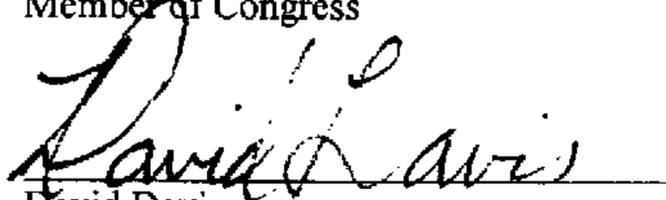

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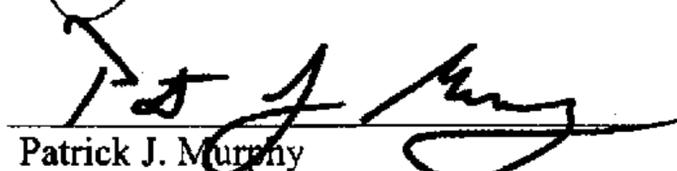

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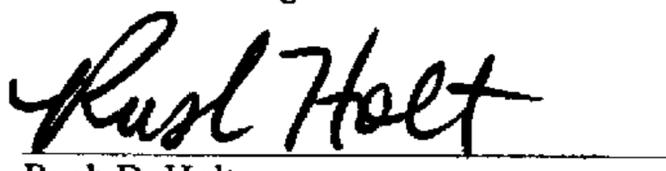

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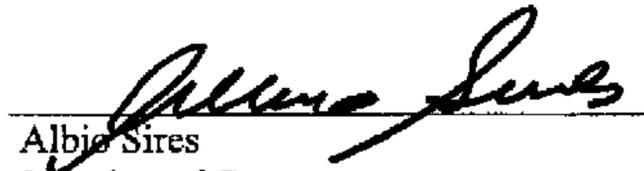

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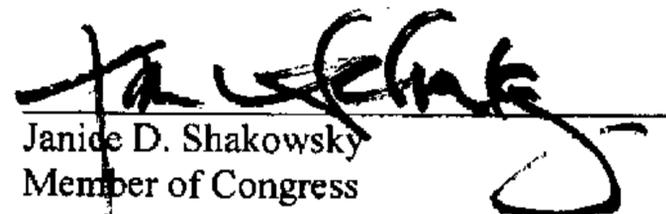

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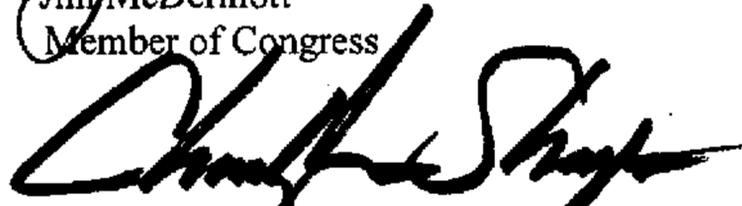

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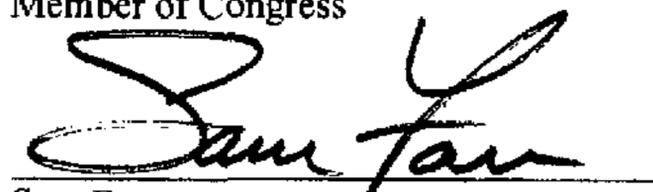

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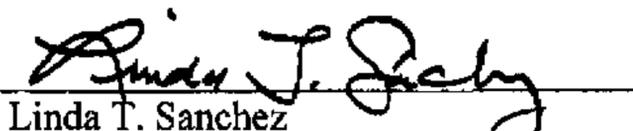

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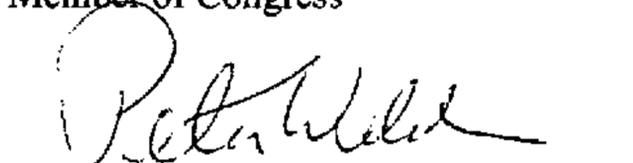

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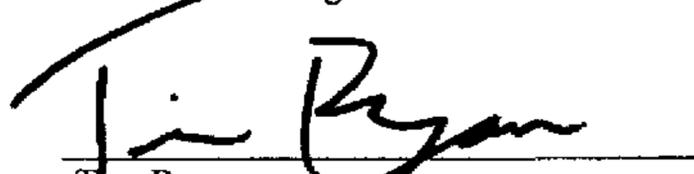

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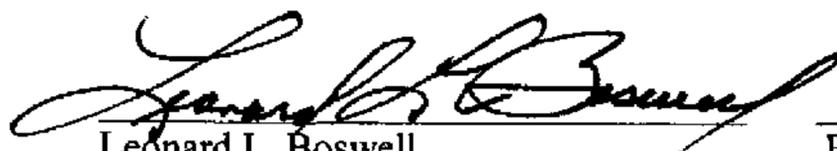

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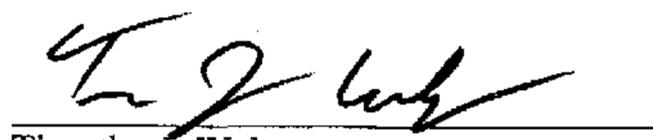

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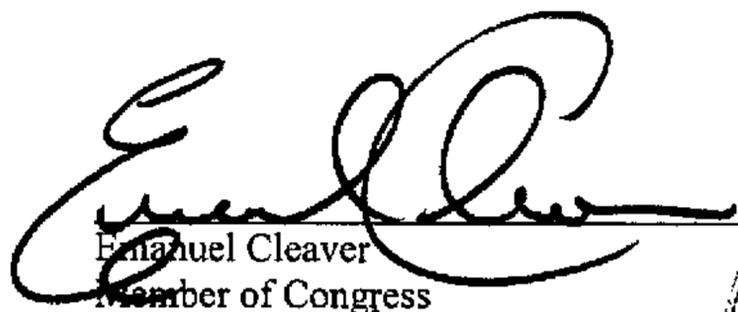

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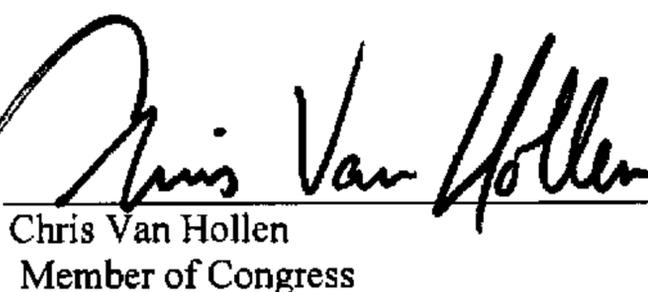

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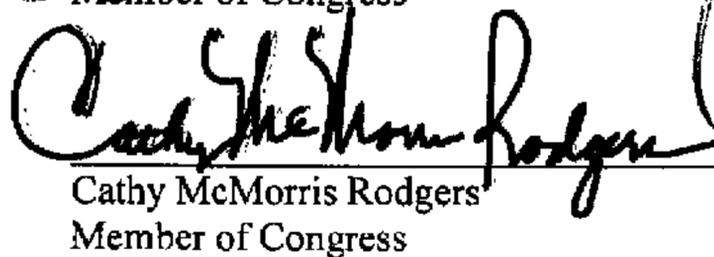

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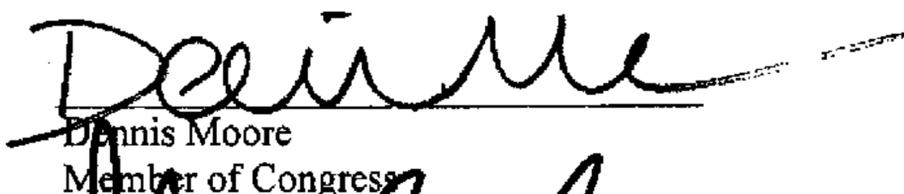

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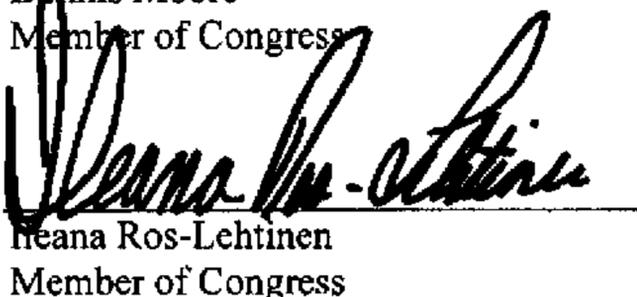

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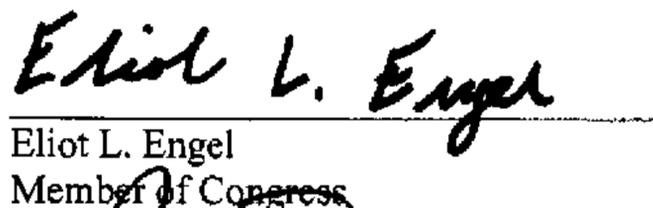

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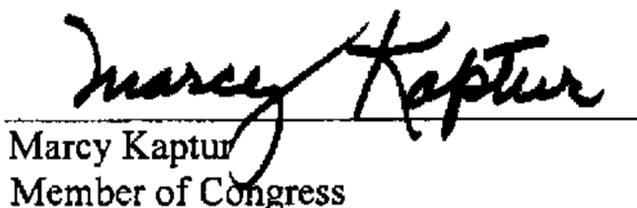

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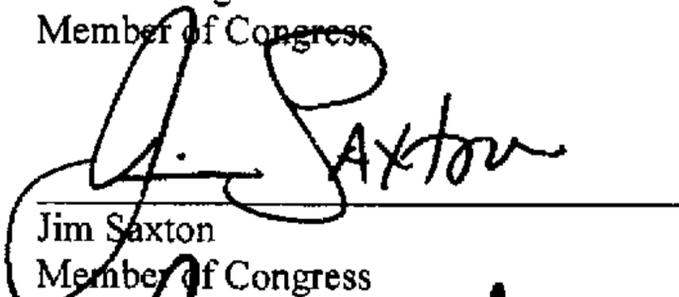

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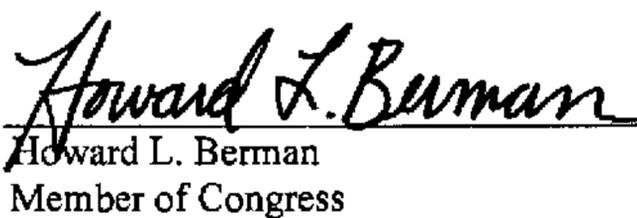

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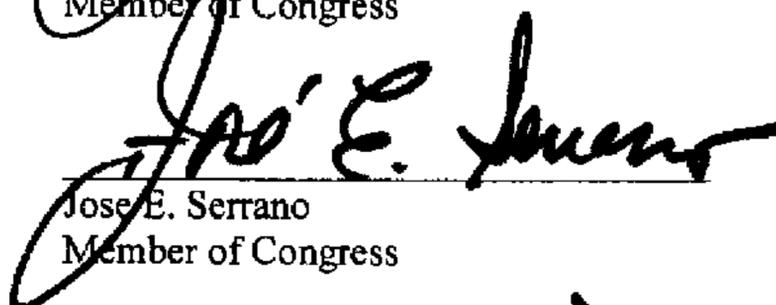

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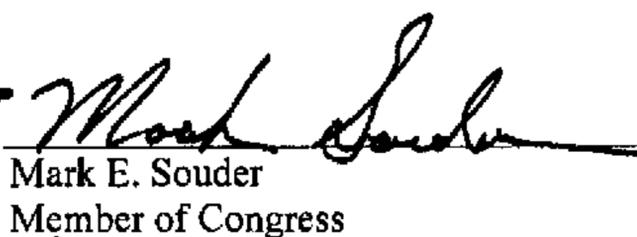

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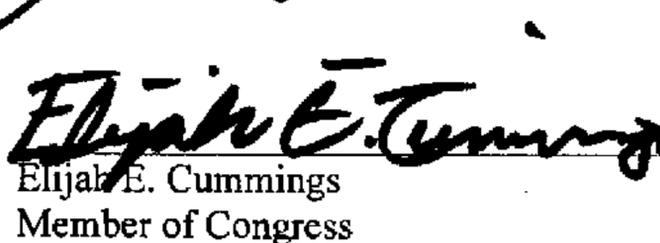

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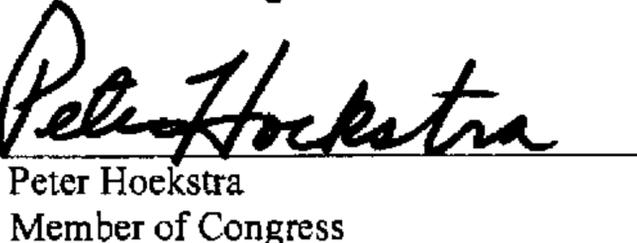

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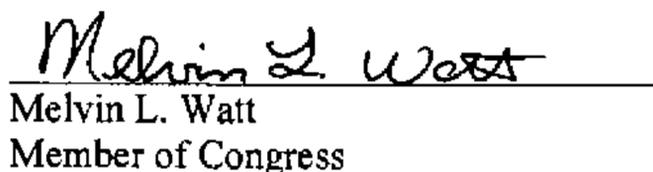

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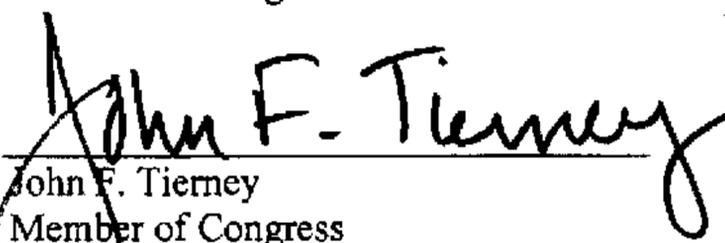

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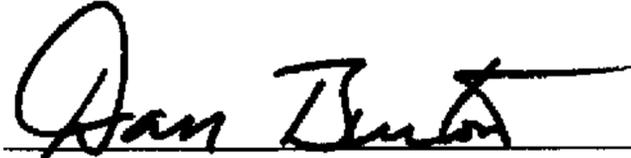
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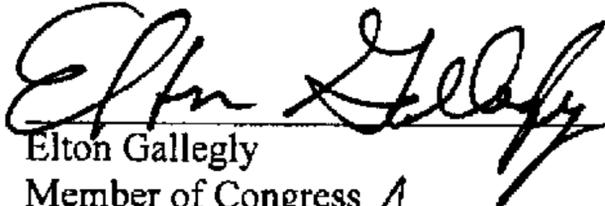
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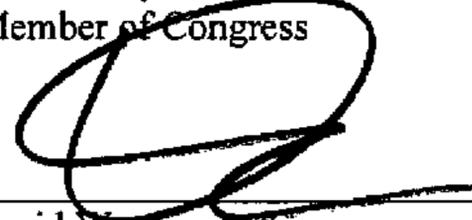
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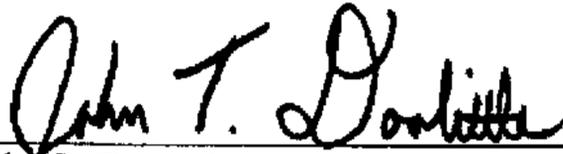
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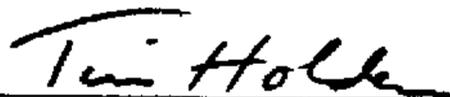
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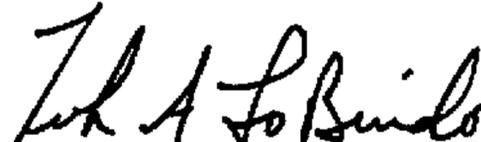
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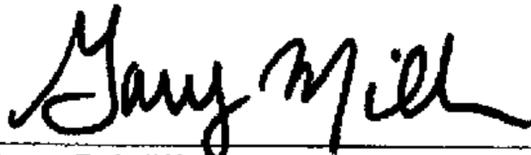
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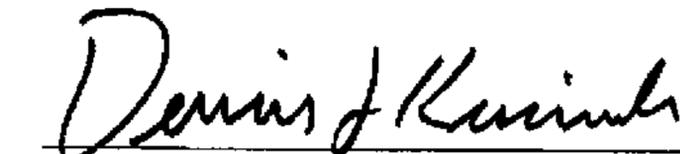
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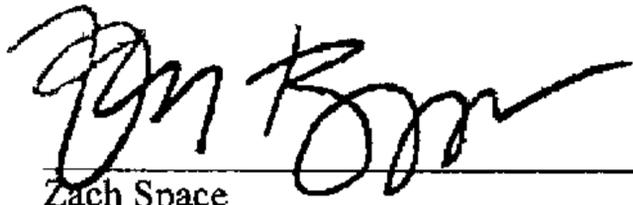
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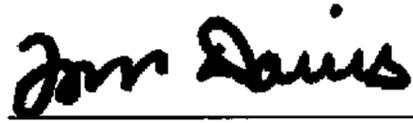
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The Honorable Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense
U. S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1300

Re: (b)(6)

Dear Secretary Gates:

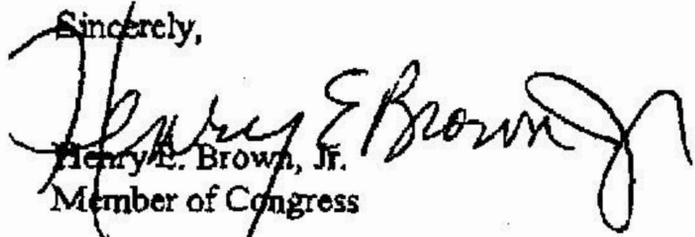
I want to call to your attention a problem of the referenced veteran getting paid what he is owed. My initial inquiry to Defense Finance and Accounting Service on his behalf was in March, 2006. I am enclosing the response from DFAS dated May 19, 2006, to that initial inquiry, and their response to the followup inquiry over a year later, dated June 5, 2007.

I must admit that my concern is how many other disabled retirees are not getting paid. I do not want another response from DFAS, but rather a response from you on how this problem is going to be addressed. Their second response that "due to the complexity of CPT (b)(6) retroactive DVA account, we are unable to provide him with any specific information for it at this time," is unacceptable. What is so different about his situation than hundreds of others with the same scenario?

Secretary Gates, over a year is much longer than these veterans/retirees should expect to have to wait because the agency charged with making the payments have not been able to work out the problems. If there is something that Congress needs to address, please let us know.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, contact Earl Copeland in my Charleston District Office at (843) 747-4175, or email at earl.copeland.

Sincerely,



Henry E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress

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Enclosures

cc: Congressman Ike Skelton, Chairman
Congressman Duncan Hunter, Ranking Member
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The Honorable Daniel R. Stanley
U.S. Department of Defense
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Stanley,

Please consider the enclosed information and forward me the necessary response for reply to my constituent, (b)(6)

Please send your response to Kelly Hedman of my district office, 1640 S. Stapley Dr., Suite 215, Mesa, Arizona 85204. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary
United States Department of Defense
The Pentagon
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Dear Secretary Gates:

Please see the attached letter from Tactical Air Services, Incorporated. The letter summarizes the efforts by Tactical Air Services to acquire aircraft currently owned by the New Zealand Government.

I also draw particular attention to the request and the inquiry made in the paragraphs respectively numbered 1 and 2 in the letter. Please provide a written response to these two items by August 1, 2007.

Sincerely,

JEFF FLAKE
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
U.S. Secretary of State

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July 16, 2007

The Honorable Robert Wilkie, Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs
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Re: (b)(6) Attorney At Law

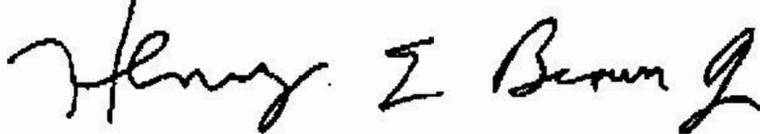
Dear Secretary Wilkie:

I received a request from the referenced constituent who says he needs to depose two Charleston County Sheriff's Deputies in a pending civil law suite. I am enclosing a copy of his letter to me.

Please advise me whether current law and/or military regulations provide for this to be done, and if so, please provide me a copy of such regulations outlining the process.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, contact Earl Copeland in my Charleston District Office at (843) 747-4175, or email at earl.copeland@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Henry E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress

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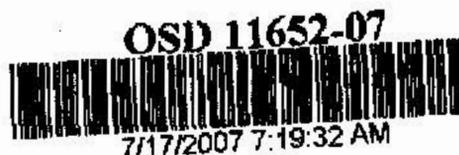
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July 24, 2007

The Hon. Robert Wilkie
Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1300

Dear Hon. Robert Wilkie:

I am writing to you on behalf of (b)(6) who has contacted my office concerning his inability to receive medical support after he experienced adverse reactions to the anthrax vaccination. Enclosed is additional information for your review.

Please review the documents and respond to this request as soon as possible. If you have additional questions, please contact Josie Flores at (817) 338-0909.

Sincerely,

Kay Granger
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States

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July 26, 2007

The Honorable Robert Gates
Secretary
U.S. Department of Defense
The Pentagon 3E880
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Dear Secretary Gates:

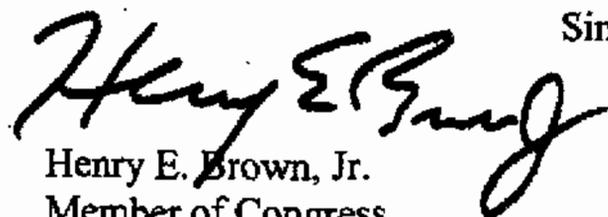
We applaud the recent commitment the Department of Defense (DoD) made in reprogramming the funds to deploy to the field as many Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles as quickly as possible. As evidenced by the successful deployment of the Cougar, these vehicles are crucial to protecting the members of our Armed Forces. We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity you now have and award a contract that will allow for able companies to maximize their production capabilities.

Two companies with a presence in South Carolina stand ready to produce as many vehicles as the Department needs to protect our men and women in the field. Since April, Force Protection, manufacturer of the Cougar, has been producing 100 MRAPs per month. To date they have sent approximately 600 MRAPs to theatre. Recently, Protected Vehicles Inc. (PVI), manufacturer of the GOLAN, passed four Electronic Force Penetrator (EFP) tests at Aberdeen Proving Ground and have proven that they should be given every opportunity to receive a long term contract to produce these vehicles that are so desperately needed by our brave men and women currently deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

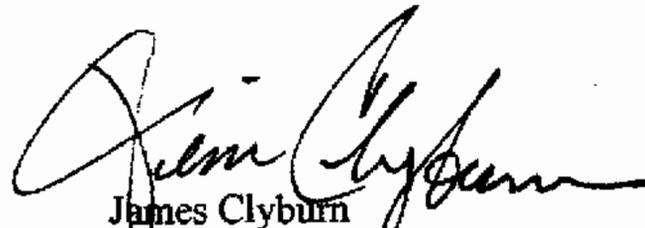
We encourage you to capitalize on the potential of these companies to produce vehicles for theatre by awarding a larger procurement contract. The lack of a larger MRAP contract not only delays the number of vehicles that are deployed to the field, but also poses significant problems for the companies that produce them. For example, if PVI does not receive word on a contract soon, they will be forced to layoff workers and potentially close their doors. A loss like this would be detrimental to those dependent on MRAP vehicles in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Again, we encourage you to provide some certainty to our men and women in the field and those producing the vehicles for their protection. We look forward to working with you to ensure that these vehicles arrive in theatre as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Henry E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress
First District of South Carolina



James Clyburn
Member of Congress
Sixth District of South Carolina

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 2, 2007

Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England
United States Department of Defense
The Pentagon
Room 3E678
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Secretary England:

The Alabama Congressional Delegation is deeply concerned with the July 16, 2007, recommendation made by the Joint Requirements Oversight Council Memorandum (JROCM) that the Air Force be named as the Executive Agent for Medium and High Altitude Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS).

If implemented, this recommendation will have dire consequences on the military's ability to meet the warfighter's unmanned aviation requirements and it would jeopardize the Army's rapidly emerging manned/unmanned combat teaming efforts that are proving so successful in Iraq.

The Army is the established service leader in the evolutionary development and deployment of UASs. Any changes to the military's unmanned aviation programs would slow this evolutionary process and would ultimately harm the warfighter. To place the Air Force as the Executive Agent of UAS management and acquisition would significantly slow down the rapid growth of this field while wasting the over \$2.28 billion dollars that has already been invested in these programs. Additionally, an Air Force Executive Agency would negate the past successes of the Army's PEO for Aviation, located at Redstone Arsenal, which has become the primary location for the procurement of UAS air vehicles, ground control stations and logistical support for members of the Navy, Marines, and Special Operations Command (SOCOM).

Currently in Iraq, the Army is flying the majority of all UAS missions, and the success of these combined air and ground operations has proven highly effective in protecting the lives of our soldiers. The Army has over 1,200 UASs operating in Iraq, with 350 in the skies at any one time providing surveillance to our ground forces. The Air Force argues that their Executive Agency would create successful interoperability between the service branches. However, successful interoperability already exists. The Army has already flown over 350,000 highly successful flight hours and currently maintains high levels of interoperability with the Navy and Marines in Iraq.

Ultimately, the decision to establish the Air Force as the Executive Agent of Medium and High Altitude Unmanned Aerial Systems (MHA UAS) will limit the future growth of UAS programs and impact the warfighter's ability to perform operations in the Global War on Terror. We appreciate your involvement in this important matter and we look forward to hearing from you in the future.



Bud Cramer
Member of Congress



Robert Aderholt
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Robert Wilkie
Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Secretary Moore:

Enclosed is a letter from (b)(6) and (b)(6) constituents from Huntsville,
Alabama. I respectfully request that you address the concerns raised in their correspondence.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Bud Cramer
Member of Congress

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Wm. LACY CLAY
1ST DISTRICT, MISSOURI

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August 13, 2007

Mr. Lawrence T. DiRita, Special Assistant
Department of Defense
The Pentagon, Room 3E966
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Mr. DiRita:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer. We would greatly appreciate any assistance you can offer.

Sincerely,

Wm. Lacy Clay

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Member of Congress

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August 31, 2007

The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
U. S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1300

Re: (b)(6)

Dear Secretary Gates:

I was recently contacted by my constituent (b)(6), concerning a problem he is having with Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). (b)(6) is an employee with DFAS in their Charleston office. This office is due to close on January 31, 2008 as a result of the last round of BRAC. He has an unique situation which I thought should be brought to your attention.

(b)(6) is six weeks short of having enough federal government time (20 years) in for early retirement. He has enough annual leave time on the books to make up for the six weeks, but because of his age he is not allowed to use his leave time. (b)(6) volunteered to move to Pensacola, Florida at his own expense to the DFAS office there that will be closing a few months after the Charleston office, but DFAS would not allow it.

As a fiscal conservative, I understand the BRAC process and the need to cut costs and save the Government money. What I don't understand is why, after someone has worked for the Government for close to 20 years, we can't find a way to give this employee six weeks so he will have his time for retirement. If he would be eligible to use his annual leave if he were age 50 to 54 how can the Government deny his request because he is 55 years of age? This sounds like an EEOC lawsuit based on age discrimination to me. Also, if (b)(6) is willing to go to another DFAS office where there is a need, why can't DOD allow this short-term transfer so he can get his needed time?

I would appreciate you looking into this and getting back to me at your earliest possible convenience since time is of the essence. If you have any questions or if you need any additional information please contact Kathy Crawford in my Charleston office at 843-747-4175.

Thank you for your help and consideration.

Sincerely,


Henry E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress

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October 11, 2007

The Honorable Gordon R. England, Deputy Secretary of Defense
U. S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1300

Re: EODCS (EWS) (b)(6) 9/11/01 Recipient of Navy and Marine Corps Medal for
"extraordinary heroism" at the World Trade Center

Dear Secretary England:

I received a request from the referenced constituent who received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal because of his actions on September 11, 2001. In the citation that went with the medal, you stated Petty Officer (b)(6) distinguished himself with "extraordinary heroism and bravery in the face of extreme danger.....". If that was true then, what has changed since that time?

(b)(6) recently contacted me concerning the Navy's latest action that denied him the monetary reward that is supposed to accompany such an award upon retirement from active duty. I find this very disturbing.

SECNAV INSTRUCTION 1650.32 (attached), dated 23 June 1969 and signed by Senator John Warner while he was Under Secretary of the Navy, under item 3. Authority, states: "10 U.S.C. 6330 provides that each enlisted member of the Regular Navy or Regular Marine Corps who is transferred to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve under this section and who has been credited by the Secretary of the Navy with extraordinary heroism in line of duty, is entitled to an increase of 10 percent in his retainer pay". It continues, "Reference (a) further states that the determination of extraordinary heroism by the Secretary of the Navy is final and conclusive for all purposes."

Under item 4. Discussion, it states "An affirmative determination that extraordinary heroism was involved will now be made by the Secretary of the Navy at the time the award is processed". Secretary England, it appears that was done as indicated in the citation from you. The rest of that paragraph appears to deal with "Awards approved by delegated authorities." Since the citation was not signed by a delegated authority, I believe that the action recently taken by the Board (NDBDM) was a misinterpretation of this Instruction. I can see nothing in the law or SECNAV Instruction that gives anyone authority to deny the recipient the monetary reward once the Secretary certifies extraordinary heroism. I will find it difficult to believe there could be any other reason to deny such a small reward, established by law, to such a deserving person.



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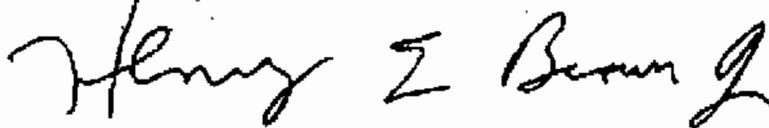
The Honorable Gordon R. England, Deputy Secretary of Defense

October 11, 2007

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Thank you for your assistance. I am more than willing to discuss this with you personally. I sincerely hope that this problem can be corrected quickly. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Earl Copeland in my Charleston District Office at (843) 747-4175, or email at earl.copeland@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry E. Brown, Jr.".

Henry E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress

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October 25, 2007

The Honorable Robert Wilkie, Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs
U. S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1300

Re: Mr. William Gadol, President, FedMedical, Inc.

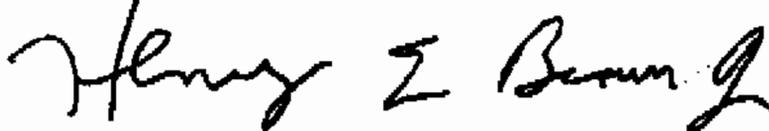
Dear Secretary Wilkie:

I received a request from the referenced constituent who has written to me regarding procurement and payment issues that his company is having with D.O.D. I am enclosing a copy of his letter to me, along with copies of numerous email messages between his company and various D.O.D. offices.

In his letter he raises issues of impropriety in conduct of certain people within D.O.D. pertaining to procurement practices about which I have already contacted Mr. Richard Jolliffe, the Assistant Inspector General for Acquisition and Contract Matters. I am contacting you on the issue of payment for products delivered to the U.S.M.C., since DFAS and USMC are both agencies of D.O.D. and it seems there is an issue between the two agencies as to how to resolve this payment matter. It appears that someone above the present level of involvement will have to step in and sort out how to get this company paid, and soon.

Thank you for your assistance. I will appreciate the expeditious handling of this matter as this company is a Small Business and cannot financially withstand carrying \$70,000 in Receivables. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Crawford or Earl Copeland in my Charleston District Office at (843) 747-4175.

Sincerely,



Henry E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 29, 2007

The Honorable Gordon R. England
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Office of the Deputy Secretary
The Pentagon
Room 3E880
Washington, DC 20301-1010

Dear Secretary England,

We are writing to express concern over the Joint Air-to-Ground Missile (JAOM) program. It has come to our attention that the follow-on program to the terminated Joint Common Missile (JCM) is delayed, keeping this vital capability out of the hands of our warfighters.

On March 1, 2007, we met with you and Secretary Ken Krieg to discuss the JCM program. During the meeting, you indicated your intent to cancel JCM even though the program was on cost, on schedule, and performing well. To fill the critical capability gap in both Army and Navy missile technology left by the delayed and then terminated JCM, it was announced that JAGM would be the follow-on program and a competition would immediately commence.

It is our understanding that the JAGM program is now delayed due to issues with the joint acquisition strategy. The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Acquisition Technology and Logistics (AT&L) apparently wants to downselect to at least two contractors, adding significant cost and delay to a program that is immediately needed. It is also our understanding that the Army and Navy disagree with this strategy. We do not feel this would be the best course of action and urge you to quickly release the JAGM Request for Proposal based on the parameters outlined to us by OSD AT&L earlier this year.

Our global commitments continue to expand to meet an ever-increasing and diverse threat. Having adequate equipment to combat the threat is not sufficient for our Armed Forces. Because we never want to have a fair fight, we know you will agree that our military needs the best equipment that the U.S. can produce. This replacement missile will make the warfighter infinitely more capable than he is today.

We respectfully request that you act quickly on the aforementioned request as the Department of Defense proceeds with the competition on the Joint Air-to-Ground Missile program. We thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you soon.

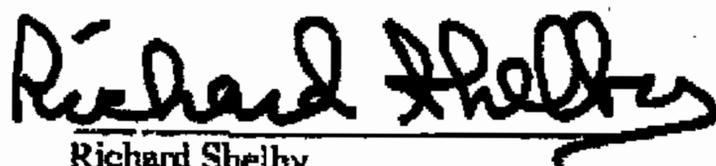
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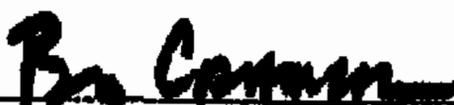
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October 30, 2007

The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

On August 24, 2007, you received a memo from John Young, Director of Defense Research and Engineering. We support the views expressed by Mr. Young in his memo and urge you to take those views into account when considering your budget request for Fiscal Year 2009.

As Mr. Young notes, investments in Department of Defense (DoD) Science & Technology (S&T) programs, and particularly in foundational or basic science programs, are most often the investments that lead to groundbreaking advancements in our warfighting capabilities. DoD support for these programs is also vital to training U.S. students in science and engineering fields critical to our future national defense. Despite its importance, the DoD S&T budget has increased at a far slower rate than the DoD RDT&E budget. Furthermore, foundational science has been reduced to less than 15 percent of the total S&T budget in recent years, a level which historically exceeded 20 percent of the S&T budget.

The concerns described by Mr. Young echo the concerns laid out by yourself and other members of the Augustine Commission in the 2005 report *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*. In his memo, Mr. Young states that "The last decade of growth in acquisition and advanced research and development has drawn upon a reservoir of knowledge and technology developed by S&T investment - analogous to draining a pool. In the rest of the world, there has been a resurgence of S&T investment." Accelerated investments in S&T programs in other countries require us to redouble our own efforts in this area.

We agree with Mr. Young's conclusion that "some increase in the Defense Department's early phase S&T program is merited by the combination of technology opportunities, the diversification of the threat, and the decline in corporate research investment." Although we recognize that the specific program funding levels suggested

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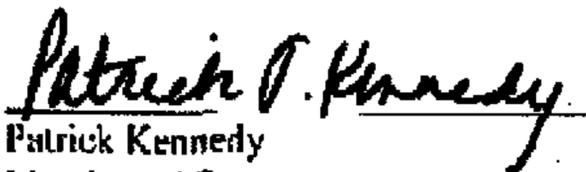
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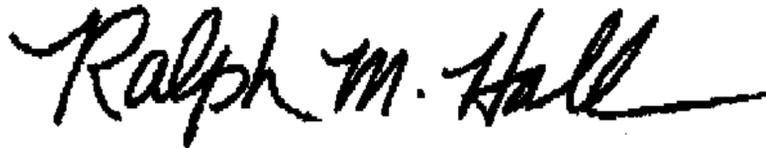
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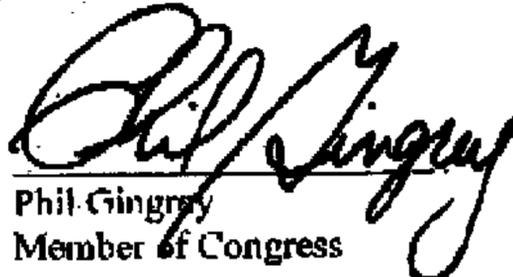
by Mr. Young in his memo are meant to serve only as a discussion point for your internal deliberations, we strongly encourage you to give serious consideration both to the specific funding levels and the overall theme of Mr. Young's memo as you prepare your Fiscal Year 2009 budget request.

Sincerely,

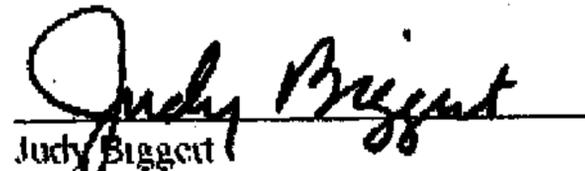

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FROM: Edwilla Massey

FAX NUMBER: (703) 693-5530

Dear Mr. Wilkie:

Attached is a copy of a letter that Congressman Clay received from (b)(6) regarding materials sold on military bases.

We would appreciate your sharing with us any information or comments which will enable us to respond to (b)(6) correspondence. Please send your reply to our office at 8021F West Florissant Avenue, St. Louis, MO, 63136.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Edwilla Massey
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November 19, 2007

The Honorable Gordon R. England, Deputy Secretary of Defense
U. S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1300

Dear Secretary England:

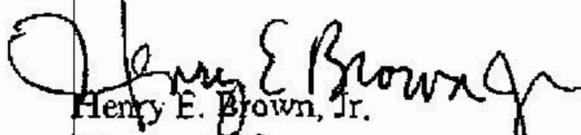
I received your letter dated November 14, 2007, responding to my letter of October 11, 2007. I realize that you may not have personally written or reviewed the contents of the response because of the sheer volume of mail to which you must respond. For that reason, I must tell you that I strongly disagree with the action taken by the Navy in (b)(6) case.

The letter states "the standard is not that an act stands out above ordinary acts, but that it stands out above 'ordinary acts of heroism'" That goes without saying! However, the citation stated unequivocally "EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM", and for the Navy to now go back when it comes time to give him the small monetary award associated with the designation and say that the heroism that (b)(6) displayed on 9/11/2001, was really not "Extraordinary" is cheap to say the least. This type of action is what has given our Defense Department and associated Military Branches a black eye in view of the public, and we can ill afford any more black eyes after the Walter Reed and Blackwater press coverage.

I strongly urge you to rethink the position on this particular case and to grant (b)(6) the small pittance associated with the designation. I have absolutely no problem with the fact the Department of Defense has revised policy since the time (b)(6) was recognized for Extraordinary Heroism, and I do agree that designation should be given with very careful consideration. However, I am also convinced that, in a situation where the designation was made, that Defense Officials can and should grant a waiver in this instance, because the integrity of the Department is at stake and no amount of explaining will change that fact.

If you wish to contact me personally, please feel free to do so. I can be reached at (843) 747-4175.

Sincerely,


Henry E. Brown, Jr.
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December 4, 2007

Secretary Robert M. Gates
U. S. Department of Defense
The Pentagon

Dear Secretary Gates:

On behalf of our entire Tennessee Valley Corridor Congressional Delegation, I am writing to invite you to be a keynote speaker during the upcoming *Tennessee Valley Corridor National Summit*, May 28-29, 2008 in Huntsville, Ala.

As you may know, the Tennessee Valley Corridor is a national award-winning regional economic development and technology alliance of dozens of key public sector institutions and private sector partners dedicated to leveraging the Valley's abundant science and technology assets to serve important federal missions while creating economic opportunity here in our region. The U.S. Army's Redstone Arsenal, the U.S. Air Force's Arnold Engineering Development Center, as well as NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and the U.S. Department of Energy facilities in Oak Ridge, are all major players in this effort.

Each year the Corridor hosts a National Technology Summit that brings together several hundred of the very top science, technology, government, business, education and economic development leaders from the Tennessee Valley's Corridor's four-state region.

We would like to invite you to join our congressional delegation to be the keynote speaker during the Summit's closing dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville.

At this year's event, we would welcome the chance to hear your thoughts and insights on America's national security priorities, and your vision of how the Department of Defense, other federal agencies, our universities and the private sector can best respond to help us achieve important national security objectives.

Past Summit keynoters have included DHS Secretaries Michael Chertoff and Tom Ridge, DOE Secretary Sam Bodman, FedEx Chairman Fred Smith, and many others.

For more detailed information on the Summit, please have your staff contact Erin Koshut of AkinsCrisp Public Strategies at 202-494-7018, who is helping coordinate this important event, or more general information about the Tennessee Valley Corridor can be found at www.tennvalleycorridor.org.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We greatly hope that you will be able to join us in Huntsville on May 29th.

Sincerely,


Bud Cramer
Member of Congress


Zach Wamp
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 12, 2007

The Honorable Robert Gates
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington DC, 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Gates:

We understand that the Department of Defense is considering ceasing production of the F-22A Raptor following completion of the current multi-year procurement contract. We believe such a decision would be ill-advised and premature, given the recapitalization shortfalls facing our US Air Force and the rapidly emerging airborne and surface-to-air threats facing our nation's military.

The F-22A Raptor is exceeding all expectations in operational performance as well as production schedule and quality. The USAF urgently needs to replace approximately 500 1970-80's vintage F-15A-D Eagles. Despite the AF's oft-stated minimum requirement for 381, we note that DoD's program of record 183 total is not supported by any rigorous campaign-based analysis assessing the most stressing scenarios and rapidly growing threats. Rather, it has been reported that at least three independent studies commissioned by DoD recommended procuring significantly more than 220 Raptors because of its singularly unique capability to overwhelm all air and surface-to-air threats.

Meanwhile, it has recently been reported that three near-peer potential adversaries are busy co-developing two different stealth, twin-engine, high-altitude, Raptor-like fighters. Terminating the Raptor program at such a crucial and uncertain time only further encourages our potential adversaries to continue down this path. It also risks abandoning our AF's unique ability to deter aggressive actions and when called upon, dominate the airspace over our global allies, interests and deployed troops.

Furthermore, the F-22A Raptor is the world's only 5th Generation Fighter line currently in full-rate production. Over 25,000 Americans working for 1000 suppliers in 44 states manufacture this unique national asset. These are highly technical jobs that represent the leading edge of our nation's aerospace industry. Additionally, it is estimated another 70,000+ Americans owe their jobs indirectly to this program.

We urge you to continue procurement of the F-22A Raptor by including sufficient funds in the FY09 budget request to procure long-lead items for an additional lot of planes, beyond the current multi-year contract. We believe any decision to terminate production of this aircraft at such an early stage is more appropriately deferred until completion of the 2009 Quadrennial Defense Review which will assess current and future threats and recommend the necessary procurement strategies to fully support our national security requirements.

Sincerely,

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Cc: The Honorable Jim Nussle, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Joshua Bolten, White House Chief of Staff

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Robert Gates
The Secretary of Defense
Room: 3E880
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Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary,

For each of the last two years, the United States Air Force (USAF) has not funded any C-17s in the President's budget submission. USAF leaders have expressed concerns during recent Congressional hearings regarding their inability to procure additional C-17s and have asked the House of Representative to add funding for C-17s during the appropriations process. While this approach was successful last year and may work again this year, there is widespread dissatisfaction in the House with this strategy. We instead are strongly urging that the USAF and DoD fully fund C-17 production in their FY 09 budget submission.

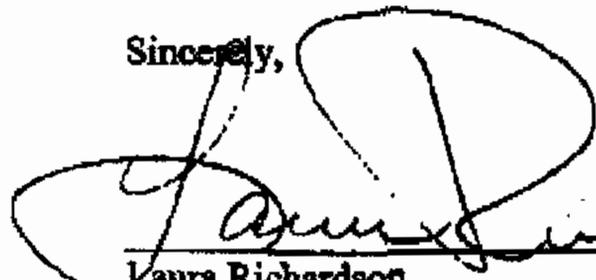
Failure to fund the C-17 will mean the loss of over 30,000 jobs in the U.S., loss of the nation's large military airplane industrial base, and will result in our loss of leadership in this area to Europe. Reopening the C-17 production line, if the DoD discovers it needs additional C-17s in the future, will cost billions and take years.

The USAF and DoD must continue to fund C-17s until all of the Department's on-going and planned airlift studies are complete and requirements are understood. We strongly urge you to fully fund 15 C-17s in the FY 09 budget submission. The approach used in the last two years – no funds but a last minute appeal to the Congress – will result in a strong negative response.

We need your commitment that you will do all you can to fund C-17 in the FY09 budget. We also request that if you cannot fully fund C-17s, additional aircraft must at least be at the top of your unfunded priority list at number one. The C-17 line is truly on the verge of shutting down – this would be a terrible outcome for the DoD and the nation.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

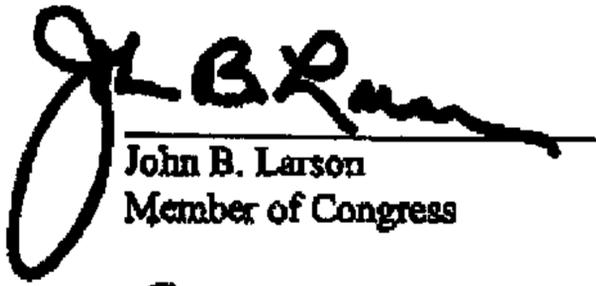
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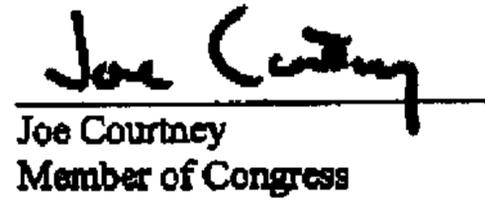


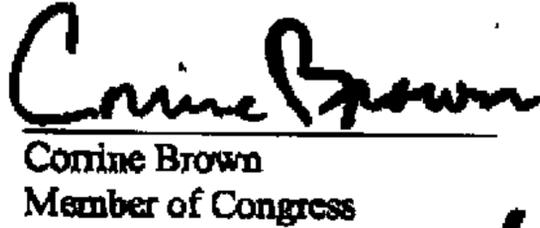
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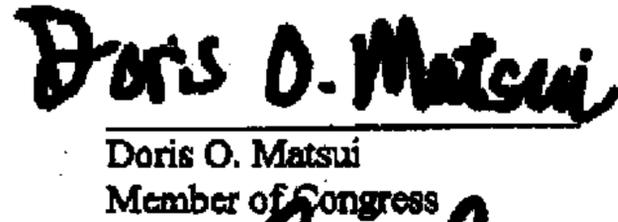


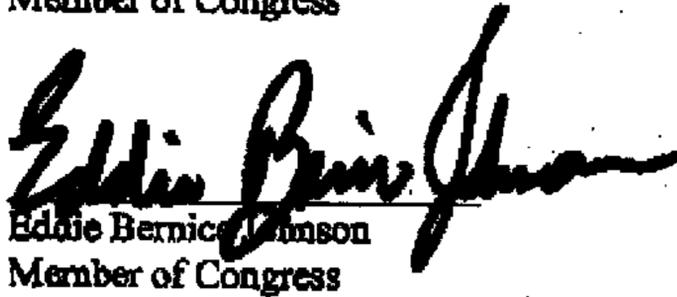
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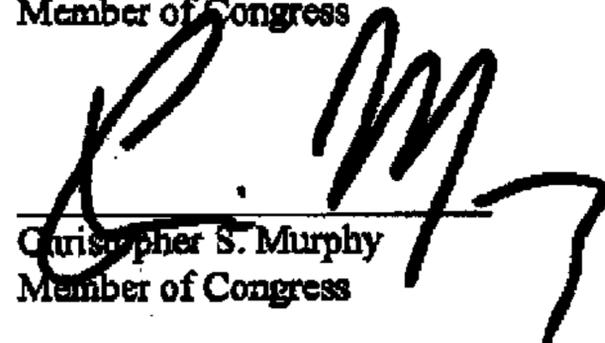

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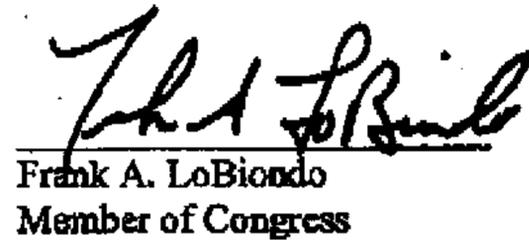

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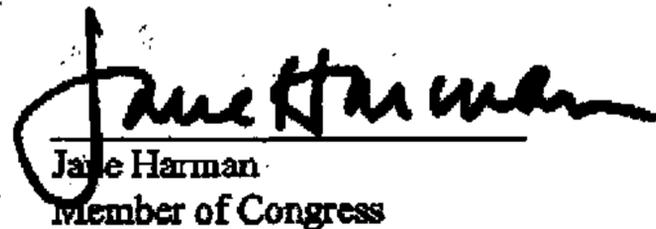

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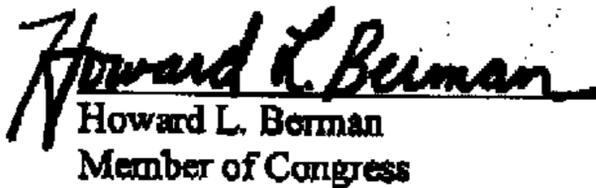

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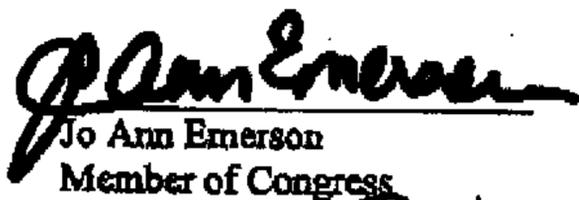

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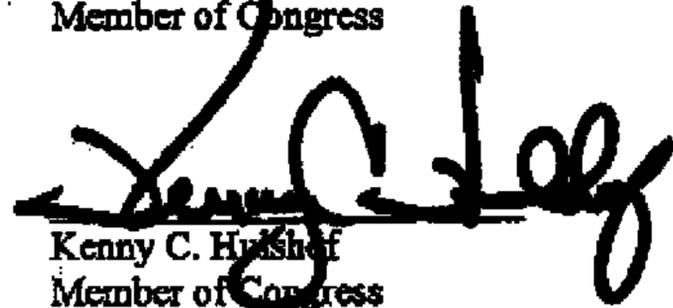

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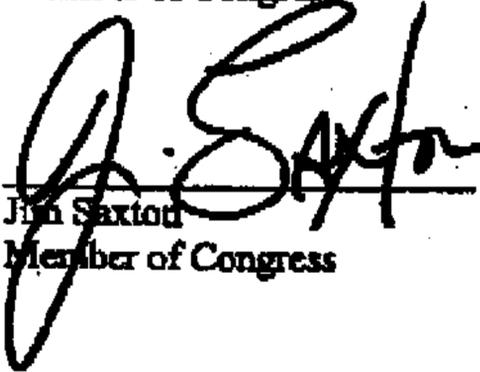

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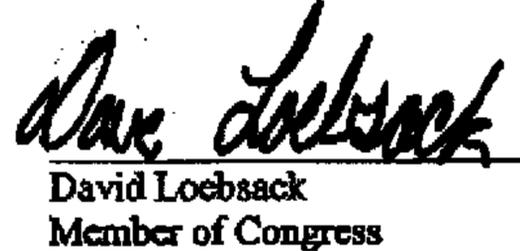

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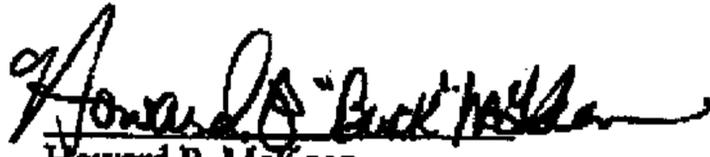
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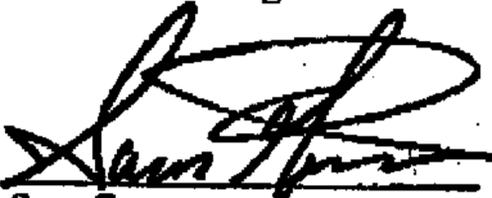
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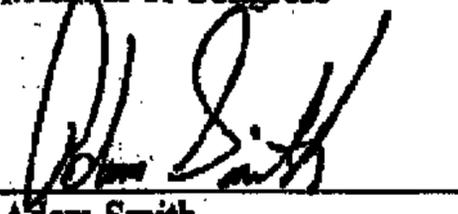
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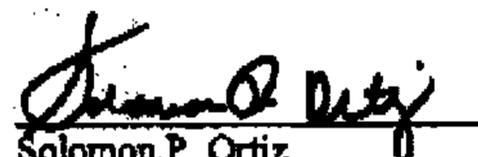
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January 16, 2008

The Hon. Robert Wilkie
Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1300

Dear The Hon. Wilkie:

I am writing to you on behalf of (b)(6) (b)(6) who has contacted my office concerning his pending application for a Common Access Card (CAC). (b)(6) states he is concerned he will not be able to leave the compound in Baghdad and work with the Provincial Reconstruction Team while he is awaiting his card. Please advise of the status of his application and when he is expected to receive his CAC card. Enclosed is additional information for your review.

Please review the documents and respond to this request as soon as possible. If you have additional questions, please contact Danielle Gonzalez at (817) 338-0909.

Sincerely,

Kay Granger
Member of Congress

KG\dg

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 18, 2008

The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary, Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Admiral Michael Mullen, USN
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
9999 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20318-9999

Dear Secretary Gates and Admiral Mullen:

The Congressional Rotorcraft Caucus is concerned about the lack of a strategic plan for improving the state of vertical lift aircraft in the United States. We understand that several studies conducted within the Department of Defense (ORCA, NFWA, JVATF), as well as the most recent Defense Science Board study on the Future Need for VTOL/STOL aircraft, have pointed to the need for a strategic plan and increased investment. At a time when vertical lift aircraft are increasingly committed and challenged throughout the world in the Global War on Terror, particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan, the level of investment and innovation still does not match pressing national security needs.

Accordingly, we request that the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff conduct and provide the House Armed Services Committee (HASC), the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC), the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee (HACD) and the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee (SACD) with the results of a Capabilities-Based Assessment (CBA) that outlines a joint approach to the future development of vertical lift aircraft for all of the military services. The CBA should include the development of a strategic plan that covers the following:

- (1) an emphasis on the development of common service requirements;
- (2) a technology roadmap;
- (3) a detailed science and technology investment and implementation plan and the resources required to implement it; and
- (4) a detailed plan to establish a Joint Vertical Lift Aircraft Office based on lessons learned from the Joint Advanced Strike Technology (JAST) Office.

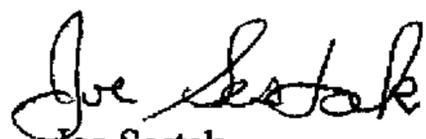
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It is our hope that the results of the report will be used by the authorization and appropriations committees to develop a national investment strategy for vertical lift aviation that capitalizes on the best practices of the TACAIR community and funds the development of the next generation of vertical lift aviation. Please contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joe Sestak
Member of Congress



Kay Granger
Member of Congress

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February 6, 2008

The Honorable Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense
U. S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1300

Re: (b)(6) (b)(6)

Dear Secretary Gates:

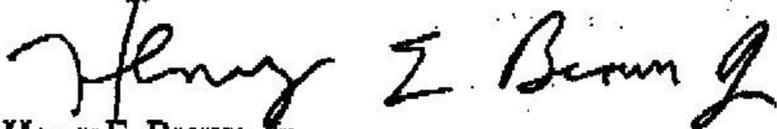
I received a request from the referenced constituent who says he has encountered discrimination in promotion because of his service in the Reserves and associated deployments and training requirements. I am enclosing his privacy authorization and other documents that he furnished.

You will note that he has gone through proper channels but feels that those investigating are placing the burden of proof entirely on him. With the critical need for our Reservists in this War On Terror campaign, it is incumbent that those being mobilized, many multiple times, be assured that they will not suffer in their civilian jobs.

Please advise me what steps have been taken to get at the truth in this case. Do your respective agencies (DOD and DOL) have the power to require sworn statements from witnesses and those directly involved? Has this been done? How many complaints from other Reservists have been lodged against this company?

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, contact Earl Copeland in my Charleston District Office at (843) 747-4175, or email at earl.copeland@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,


Henry E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress

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cc: The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U. S. Department of Labor

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BUD CRAMER
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February 27, 2008

The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary
Department of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1155

Dear Secretary Gates:

On behalf of the North Alabama Chambers of Commerce, I would like to invite you to join us during their annual meeting here in Washington, D.C. Specifically, I would appreciate your participation as a guest speaker on Tuesday, May 20th, at noon in room B-339 of the Rayburn Building.

The audience will be comprised of approximately 150 of North Alabama's top business leaders from the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber and the Decatur/Morgan County Chamber. As you know, North Alabama's Redstone Arsenal is home to AMCOM, PEO Aviation, PEO Missiles and Space, and SMDC. The men and women of our community are strongly supportive of our nation's military and they would appreciate hearing your unique perspective as the Secretary of Defense.

We hope that your busy schedule will allow you to accept this invitation to speak to this impressive group of individuals. Please contact my Chief of Staff, Carter Wells, at 202-225-4801 should you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Bud Cramer
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Robert Wilkie
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Secretary Wilkie:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent (b)(6) concerning his difficulty with the Department of Defense. Any assistance you can give (b)(6) would be greatly appreciated.

Enclosed is a letter from (b)(6) along with other information that may be helpful in resolving this matter. I ask that every consideration and effort is given to this case and the process expedited. Please provide my office with a written response to this inquiry as soon as possible.

I have asked my caseworker, Jayne Murray, to assist (b)(6) in this matter. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact her at my district office located at 200 Pratt Avenue NE, Suite A, Huntsville, AL 35801, or by phone at (256) 551-0190.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Bud".

Bud Cramer
Member of Congress

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June 23, 2008

The Hon. Robert Wilkie
Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1300

Dear Hon. Wilkie:

I am writing to you on behalf of (b)(6) (b)(6) who has contacted my office concerning his Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) pay. (b)(6) is currently in a dire financial situation and needs the release of the back payment immediately. Enclosed is additional information for your review.

Please review the documents and respond to this request as soon as possible. If you have additional questions, please contact Josie Flores at (817) 338-0909.

Sincerely,

Kay Granger
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 28, 2008

The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Gates,

As representatives of a state with a long heritage of unwavering support for our nation's military, we are proud of the work you are doing for our nation and our Armed Forces.

We are writing today because we have closely followed your efforts to establish AFRICOM. After numerous meetings and briefings from the leadership at the State Department, the Department of Defense, and the staffs of both European Command and Africa Command, it is apparent this command has the potential to represent a significant departure from how combatant commands have operated in the past.

We strongly support DoD's efforts to work with the nations in Africa, and we believe this new military/civilian command structure sets the right tone for the command to focus on humanitarian aid, training, and security assistance. Meeting these goals will require a significant change in "business as usual" practices by DoD and other government agencies particularly as you consider where to permanently headquarter AFRICOM.

The military facilities and other government agencies in Charleston, SC provide a unique opportunity to reduce the "forward footprint" of forces while also offering numerous benefits that make it a wise use of taxpayer dollars. Charleston already enjoys the status of a logistical center of gravity through Charleston Air Force Base and the Port of Charleston. Additionally, in-place assets such as SPAWAR and the Charleston Federal Law Enforcement Training Facility will complement AFRICOM's mission. Existing facilities, including housing, will save millions of dollars in construction costs, and these savings can instead be focused on meeting mission objectives.

From the MRAP program to the support of the Iraq cargo missions, Charleston has routinely stepped up to any challenge in order to support the work of our Armed Forces. We respect the statutory process you must follow in determining the best site for this command, but we are confident this process will reveal South Carolina's assets and commitment to ensure AFRICOM is the best supported combatant command in the U.S. military would be second to none.

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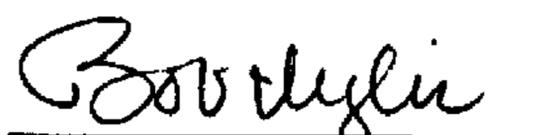


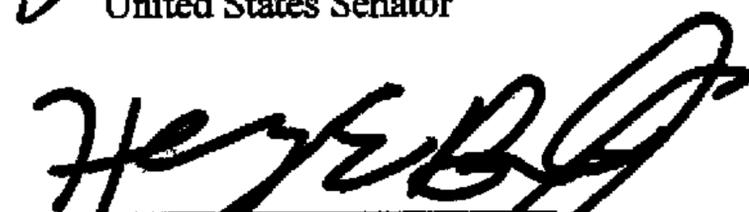
Thank you for your dedication and service to our great nation. We look forward to working with you to ensure the success of AFRICOM. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,


Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator


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United States Senator


Bob Inglis
United States Representative


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Lieutenant Colonel (b)(6)
Special Assistant for Personnel Policy
Office of the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs)
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1300

Dear Lieutenant Colonel (b)(6)

I am writing to express my strong interest in interviewing military officers for a fellowship position in my office during calendar year 2009. I am an ardent supporter of the Defense Department's legislative fellowship program and my office has benefited tremendously in the past from having a military fellow on staff.

My position on the Defense and Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs Appropriations Subcommittees, coupled with the varied defense interests in my District, would provide a fellow with a well-rounded experience on Capitol Hill. As you know, the Fort Worth, Texas area is home to numerous military initiatives including the F-35 Lightning II, the F-22 Raptor, the CV/MV-22 Osprey, and the ARH and H-1 programs. I am proud to say that the District is also home to thousands of active and reserve component servicemembers and their families assigned to Naval Air Station – Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth.

I am confident that having a fellow in our office would benefit the individual officer and would help meet the needs of the U.S. military. Thank you for your consideration. Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this request, please contact Robert Head, my Chief of Staff, at 202-225-5071.

Sincerely,

Kay Granger
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September 15, 2008

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Room B-325
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressional,

Please consider the enclosed information and forward me the necessary response for reply to my constituent, (b)(6)

Please send your response to Kelly Hedman of my district office, 1640 S. Stapley Dr., Suite 215, Mesa, Arizona 85204. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

JEFF FLAKE
Member of Congress

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