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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
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SUBJECT: DoD Legislative Process FY 2008 -- Legislative Review Panel

It is vital that the Department of Defense (DoD) legislative process produce significant proposed legislation that is reflective of the priorities of the Department's leadership. The Department also must identify its top legislative priorities to enable us to craft a successful legislative strategy for eventual enactment of these priorities into law. To achieve these goals, a Legislative Review Panel (LRP) will be convened periodically to identify and review the top legislative priorities of the Department.

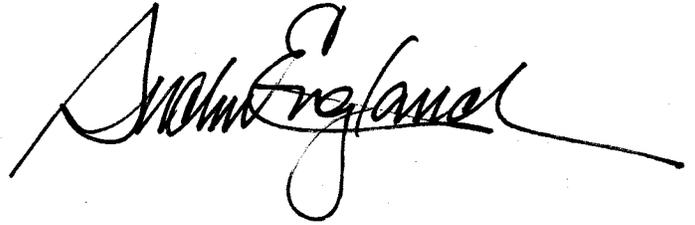
The LRP will consist of five panelists to include: Mr. Wilkie, Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, LTG Walter Sharp, Director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Mr. Robert Rangel, Special Assistant to Secretary Rumsfeld, Mr. Robert Earl, Special Assistant to me, and Mr. David Patterson, Principal Deputy Under Secretary (Comptroller).

The DoD Office of Legislative Counsel (OLC) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs will assist the LRP by identifying proposals meriting further review. Once the LRP has reviewed the proposal, it may request additional information in support of that proposal in the form of a briefing, or recommendation to me that the proposal should be forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), or that it should be rejected.



To aid in this process, each DoD component will need to ensure that the proposals being submitted to OLC include the supporting documentation, as required by my June 13, 2006 memorandum entitled, "*A Renewed Legislative Process – Call for Legislative Proposals for FY 2008*" attached herein. Additionally, I ask that you prioritize all of your non-budgetary proposals when submitting them to OLC on August 7, 2006.

Thank you for your continuing commitment and support.

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Attachments:  
As stated