

Congress of the United States**Washington, DC 20515**

July 3, 2007

The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary
Department of Defense
c/o The Honorable Robert Wilkie
The Pentagon, Room 3E718
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Fax: (703) 693-5530

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We write to respectfully request your assistance in ensuring that fiscal year 2007 funds for the Morehouse College John H. Hopps Defense Research Scholars Program are released to the intended recipient as soon as possible.

The fiscal year 2007 Department of Defense Appropriations bill included \$1 million in funding for the John H. Hopps Defense Research Scholars Program within the Defense-Wide Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Title, under the Defense Research Sciences account (Line 2). This is a continuation of funding from FY 2006 when this program was funded through under the Historically Black and Hispanic Serving Institute Sciences (Line 8 in FY 2006).

We understand that this funding was declined by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), and is now being held by the Office of the Comptroller pending potential reallocation. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Department of Defense transfer the \$1 million in FY 2007 funding for the Hopps program to the Historically Black and Hispanic Serving Institute Sciences (Line 9 in FY 2007) account within the Defense-Wide RDT&E funding, and more specifically to PE# 0602228D8Z, so that this funding may be released to the Hopps Program and administered as intended by Congress.

This matter is of great concern to us since the reserved funds are intended to provide continuing scholarships and academic support that would bolster emerging minority scientists on a track towards advancing research in the defense sciences and the national laboratories. This important program has already met broad success, and the funding allocated in the FY 2007 Defense Appropriations bill is vital to its continuation.

Dr. Hopps' outstanding career included serving as Director of the Division of Materials Sciences at the National Science Foundation and as Undersecretary of Research and Director of National Laboratories while serving as the Deputy Director of Defense and Engineering at the Department of Defense. The John H. Hopps Defense Research

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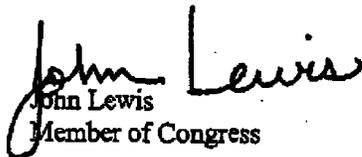


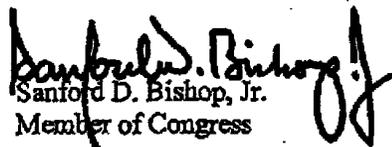
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Scholars Program seeks to carry on Dr. Hopps' legacy of a lifetime devotion to science and encouraging minority scientists to the upper echelons in service to our country.

In view of the reasons outlined above, we strongly believe that the Hopps Research Scholars Program will not only further the goals of the Defense Department but also provide an opportunity for talented minority students to play an integral role in strengthening our nation. Thank you in advance for your timely consideration of our request.

Sincerely,


John Lewis
Member of Congress


Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress

CC: The Honorable John P. Murtha, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Defense

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United States Senate

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August 24, 2007

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

Dear Mr. Wilkie:

Please see the enclosed correspondence from (b)(6) Point Pleasant, West Virginia 25550-9774.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter, and providing me with comments that may serve as the basis for my reply to (b)(6)

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Robert C. Byrd

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Enclosure

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9/7/2007 12:18:15 PM

Snapshot Report: Incoming Constituent Message

Report Date: 8/21/2007

Staff: email

Address To: General

Name: (b) (b)(6)

Address: (b)(6) WV 25550-9774 USA

Email: (b)(6)

URL:

Home Phone: (b)(6)

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

Fax:

Polling:

Salutation: Dear (b)(6)

In Type: EML

Reply Ltr:

Interest: L-DEF

Organization:

Letter:

Classification:

Personal:

Title:

Workflow:

Reference #:

Group: W070821

Message Body:

Date Received: 8/21/2007 8:34:36 AM

(b)(6)

Point Pleasant, WV 25550-9774

August 21, 2007

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
311 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-4801

Dear Senator Byrd:

The following message is being sent in regards to more than 168,000 TRICARE Prime enrollees -- those in managed care networks set up more than 40 miles from a military base or a base closure site -- who could lose access to those networks and therefore pay higher out-of-pocket costs under new TRICARE support contracts to take effect in 2009.

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I strongly urge you to stop TRICARE from taking this action which could force 168,000 active duty (family members) and military retirees to be disenrolled from TRICARE Prime, possibly costing them thousands in out-of-pocket expenses.

Retiree advocates say a proposed change to the next generation of contracts, floated by TRICARE in a draft bid proposal, would encourage contractors like Humana, TriWest and Health Net to make more cost-competitive bids by dismantling provider networks that aren't near military treatment facilities or Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) sites.

My husband served in the US Navy over 21 years. We're already having problems with our Tricare Prime insurance, and now I'm finding out that it's going to get worse instead of better. At this point, we've been without a 'real' doctor for over 4 months. For a family of 4 (soon to be 5), this is absolutely unacceptable!

Note: This message was sent through the Military.com Legislative Center.

Snapshot Report: Incoming Constituent Message

Report Date: 8/21/2007

Connecting over 8 million members to all the benefits earned in service to America.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

This message has been verified by CapwizXC as authentic and sent by this individual. Authentication ID:
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JIM WEBB
VIRGINIA

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
WASHINGTON, DC 20510
(202) 224-4024

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4805

Hon. Robert Wilkie
Assistant Secretary of Defense
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U.S. Department of Defense
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Assistant Secretary Wilkie:

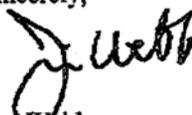
I am referring the enclosed inquiry from my constituent, (b)(6) regarding the mandatory use of the anthrax vaccine by the DoD, to your office.

My constituent would appreciate your careful consideration of these remarks, and your thoughts on what remedies there are for this situation. Please respond directly to them and send a copy to me.

The Honorable Jim Webb
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
Attention: Nadia Naviwala

I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Webb
United States Senator

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June 4, 2007

Senator Jim Webb 2007 JUN -8 PM 6: 10
507 E Franklin St.
Richmond, VA 23219-2309

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Honorable Senator Webb,

The reason for my letter to you pertains to the mandatory use of the anthrax vaccine by the Department of Defense. We are both veterans and tenured service members. The anthrax vaccine disabled me after 27 years of honorable service. Unfortunately, at my unit there were 7 of us disabled after this vaccine was given to us.

A group of surviving family members, disabled veterans, concerned citizens, doctors, nurses, and scientists formed a 501c4 organization to bring to light the problems associated with this vaccine. The name of the organization is Protecting Our Guardians (POG). I became President of this organization recently. We need your help.

No one seems to understand the extent of this issue. Not only have we (the injured from this vaccine) been strapped with mounting healthcare costs, our lives are changed it appears forever. If it was only one or two of us, it could be understood as tragic and an unfortunate incident. But 21 deaths and 1000's of us injured seems odd to anyone who realistically evaluates this program.

As I travel it seems someone knows someone else who's sick from these shots. These are our fellow service men and women that are sounding out.

POG has visited your Washington DC office on 2 separate occasions and received a warm reception to discuss this issue.

The burning question is what can you do to help us? Currently POG is circulating through the House and Senate legislation to confront this issue. Could we meet with you and discuss this problem?

Thank you,

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Protecting Our Guardians
A 501(c)(6) Non-Profit Association

"Protecting Our Troops so they can Protect Us"
Committed to protecting military members from the dangers of the unknown vaccine

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RICHARD BURR
NORTH CAROLINA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3308

July 20, 2007

Department of Defense
Asst. Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondence I have received from my constituent, (b)(1) concerning the Department of Defense. I believe that you will find this letter to be self-explanatory.

I would appreciate it if you would review the enclosed correspondence and provide me with any information that may be helpful to my constituent.

I am grateful for any assistance you may be able to provide in this matter

Sincerely,



Richard Burr
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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Richard Burr, M.C.
Washington, DC

Phone (b)(6)
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May 26, 2007

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Dear Senator Burr,

Richard Burr

I am writing to ask for assistance. Hopefully, someone in your office can direct me to the appropriate person in the Pentagon or Department of Defense regarding a patent I have received (patent number 7,213,353); I will briefly describe my idea.

I have worked part time at the VA for 20+ years. Over the years, I have noticed the significant toll that parachute landings take on our airborne troops. This involves acute injuries requiring treatment and lost training as well as chronic accumulated trauma that seriously impacts longevity in the service as well as quality of life after discharge. So many of the 20-year paratroopers are not even able to mow their own grass or enjoy retirement. Naturally, this also involves significant expenditure to the VA budget from service connected pension payments.

My patent is for a cushioning device that is temporarily attached by Velcro to the bottom of the combat boot. After landing, the paratrooper would remove the device along with parachute and can then quickly proceed with the mission. It is a simple device that would be inexpensive to manufacture and maintain.

At this point in time, I have neither the time, money, nor engineering skills to develop this by myself so I would prefer that the military take over from here so that this device can get to the troops sooner rather than later. The disability that I see in so many of these troops is disturbing and I would hope that by using this device much of the trauma from landing would be decreased by a significant amount. One jump here and there is not going to do too much damage but repeated trauma from many jumps really takes a toll. Plus, there may be some protection from a hard landing during a bad jump from this device. There are other training situations where this device may be useful such as learning proper technique for a fast rope descent.

As mentioned above, what I hope is that your office can provide a contact with someone in the Defense Department or military with whom I can work to make this device into something useful to our troops.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

BENJAMIN L. CARDIN
UNITED STATES SENATOR
MARYLAND

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-2004

July 19, 2007

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

Dear Mr. Wilkie:

I am writing in the interest of my constituent, (b)(6) who resides at (b)(6)

(b)(6) has contacted my office wanting to know how medicines come to be listed on the DOD formulary. He believes that medicines that are stocked in the MTF pharmacies should be available to all military, including retired reservists, whether the prescription is written by a military physician or a civilian physician. He also wants to know whether Lipitor is on the DOD formulary.

For your convenience, I am enclosing copies of relevant correspondence I have received. I would appreciate anything your office could do to investigate this matter and to address my constituent's concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin

Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator

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April 21, 2007

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U.S.Senator Benjamin L. Cardin
Tower 1, Suite 1710
100 S.Charles St.
Baltimore, Md. 21201

Dear Senator Cardin,

I am writing you about a problem involving availability of prescription medication issued by the Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

I am a retired naval reserve officer, with social security number (b)(6) who has been obtaining prescription medication for a number of years from the aforementioned facility. There are several medications which were denied to me, although I was advised by the Bethesda pharmacy, that they are available if prescribed by a military physician, but not by a private physician.

It makes no sense for me to make an appointment with my Navy medical sponsor, which I would have to do, just to get a prescription written. It uses up his valuable time, as well as mine, because he would have to see me before I could get the prescription. I am 88 years old, have had quadruple open heart surgery, suffer from a blood disorder and other ailments which are being treated by private physicians under Medicare/Tricare. All of these treatments by private physicians saves the time of physicians at the Bethesda Naval Hospital who are fully occupied with caring for our Iraqi returnees.

I wrote to the Commander of the Bethesda Naval Hospital several months ago (sorry, but I do not have a copy), and called this to his attention. But I have not received an acknowledgment or a reply.

This makes no sense at all, and I would appreciate you having someone check into it to insure that the Navy does not discriminate between active duty and retired military personnel in filling prescriptions.

Respectfully yours

(b)(6)

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By:.....

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(b)(6)

Commanding Officer
National Naval Medical Center
Bethesda, Md. 20814

Dear Sir:

This is to call your attention to a situation which I have encountered involving the availability of prescription medication for retired military personnel.

As a retired officer, I have benefitted from the policy which allows the Navy to fill prescriptions written by private, civilian physicians.

Recently, I phoned the Bethesda Naval Hospital pharmacy, and asked if one of my medications, Lipitor, prescribed by my personal civilian physician, was stocked by the Navy and available for issue to me. I was told that Lipitor was carried in the pharmacy, but was not available to fill prescriptions written by private, non-military, physicians.

This left me with two choices. I could fill the prescription at the local CVS pharmacy at my own expense. Or, I could make a special appointment with my sponsor at the Bethesda Naval hospital who could write a new prescription which I could then fill at the Naval Hospital pharmacy. This would take up the time of the Navy doctor just see me, to write a prescription and delay obtaining the medication. This alternative makes no sense at all but it is the only way that I can obtain this medication from the Navy pharmacy.

I am 88 years of age, and take eight different prescription medications every day. All but three are available from the Bethesda hospital pharmacy. I believe that it is an unnecessary waste of the Navy's time to have a doctor see me every time that I need a new prescription. I do not expect the Navy pharmacy to provide me with medication which it does not regularly carry in stock. But, I do expect that all other medications which are carried should be available to issue to retired reservists like me.

I will defer sending copies of this letter to my Senators and Congressmen, pending receipt of your reply. If you agree with me and take appropriate actions, they will not have to get involved.

Respectfully yours,

(b)(6)

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4402

July 9, 2007

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The Honorable Robert Gates
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon, 3E-880
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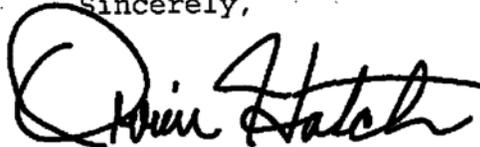
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have enclosed a copy of the letter I received from (b)(6) (b)(6) of Layton, Utah. As you will note, (b)(6) is concerned about the lack of positive coverage of Iraq in our media.

I am requesting a review of (b)(6) letter and a response from your office. Please fax your reply to the attention of Anne Marie Ashburn of my staff at (202) 224-6331.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Orrin G. Hatch
United States Senator

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Capitol Correspond
Incoming Email Message

Constituent ID: 531938

(b)(6)

Email: (b)(6)

Phone(s): (H) (b)(6)

Activity Created: 5/16/2007
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Dear Senator Hatch,

what is your opinion about what the media lets the public know? This was sent to us.

THIS IS NEWS - NOT FOR THE MASSES

Snores says that the veracity of the article below is undetermined but that they can't disprove it either and that it is a fact that the press chooses to report the negative rather than the positive. what a shame.

Did you know? I didn't know. How could we?

Did you know that 47 countries' have reestablished their embassies in Iraq ?

Did you know that the Iraqi government currently employs 1.2 million Iraqi people?

Did you know that 3100 schools have been renovated, 364 schools are under rehabilitation,

263 new schools are now under construction and 38 new schools have been completed in Iraq?

Did you know that Iraq 's higher educational structure consists of 20 Universities, 46 Institutes or colleges and 4 research centers, all currently operating!

Did you know that 25 Iraq students departed for the United States in January 2005 for the re-established Fulbright program?

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Did you know that the Iraqi Navy is operational? They have 5 - 100-foot patrol craft, 34 smaller vessels and a naval infantry regiment.

Did you know that Iraq 's Air Force consists of three operational squadrons, which includes 9 reconnaissance and 3 US C-130 transport aircraft (under Iraqi operational control) which operate day and night, and will soon add 16 UH-1 helicopters and 4 Bell Jet Rangers?

Did you know that Iraq has a counter-terrorist unit and a Commando Battalion?

Did you know that the Iraqi Police Service has over 55,000 fully trained and equipped police officers?

Did you know that there are 5 Police Academies in Iraq that produce over 3500 new officers each 8 weeks?

Did you know there are more than 1100 building projects going on in Iraq ? They include 364 schools, 67 public clinics, 15 hospitals, 83 railroad stations, 22 oil facilities, 93 water facilities and 69 electrical facilities.

Did you know that 96% o Iraqi children under the age of 5 have received the first 2 series of polio vaccinations?

Did you know that 4.3 million Iraqi children were enrolled in primary school by mid October?

Did you know that there are 1,192,000 cell phone subscribers in Iraq and phone use has gone up 158%?

Did you know that Iraq has an independent media that consists of 75 radio stations, 180 newspapers and 10 television stations?

Did you know that the Baghdad Stock Exchange opened in June of 2004?

Did you know that 2 candidates in the Iraqi presidential election had a televised debate recently?

OF COURSE WE DIDN'T KNOW!

WHY DIDN'T WE KNOW?

OUR MEDIA WOULDN'T TELL US!

Instead of reflecting our love for our country, we get photos of flag burning incidents at Abu Ghraib and people throwing snowballs at the presidential motorcades. Tragically, the lack of accentuating the positive in Iraq serves two purposes:

It is intended to undermine the world's perception of the United States thus minimizing consequent support, and it is intended to discourage American citizens.

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Above facts are verifiable on the Department of Defense web site.
<http://www.defenselink.mil/>

United States Senate

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July 19, 2007

Dr. Robert M. Gates
Secretary
Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Gates,

With Congress now routinely passing emergency Defense supplemental appropriations bills costing upwards of \$100 billion every year, there is no justification for Congress to misspend defense dollars on frivolous and wasteful pork projects. This is especially true since guaranteeing that our troops have the best armor, weapons, and medical care should be the highest priority of Congress, rather than securing earmarks for wealthy defense contractors and campaign donors.

The total amount spent on Congressional pork projects, known as "earmarks," in Defense appropriations over the past five fiscal years has cost taxpayers approximately \$55 billion.¹ The House Fiscal Year 2008 Defense authorization bill committee report includes 13 pages of charts with 458 individual projects totaling \$7.7 billion. The Senate Defense authorization bill discloses 309 earmarks costing a total of \$5.6 billion.² An analysis completed by Taxpayers for Common Sense, however, claims that the bill contains 90 additional undisclosed earmarks at a cost of \$8 billion.³

This is an overwhelming number of projects and since most members of Congress are not experts on defense systems and military hardware, guidance from military experts is needed to ensure defense dollars are wisely allocated.

Last year, the Senate twice overwhelmingly approved an earmark "report card" that would have directed the Pentagon to determine the cost effectiveness of Congressional pork projects. Both times, the language was stripped during closed door conference meetings with the House of Representatives. The only reason to oppose this analysis, of course, is to hide from taxpayers the fact that many Congressional pork projects costing tens of millions of dollars are unjustifiable and wasteful.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has previously issued a Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) asking Congress not to fund unnecessary or wasteful

¹ Citizens Against Government Waste, "Pig Book, 2002- 2007 editions;

http://www.cagw.org/site/PageServer?pagename=reports_pigbook2007

² <http://armed-services.senate.gov/Publications/S%201547%20FY08NDA%20Projects.pdf>

³ <http://www.taxpayer.net/budget/fy08authchart.html>



projects. The National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC), for example, has "proven ineffective in achieving its assigned mission, and the Administration believes closure of NDIC and reassignment of its missions to other organizations represents a step towards more efficient coordination and management of counter-drug intelligence activities," according to OMB.⁴ Yet, Congress has earmarked nearly \$240 million for the NDIC over the past five fiscal years.

There are plenty of other examples.

Last year, the *Washington Post* published an article titled "The Project That Wouldn't Die; Using earmarks, members of Congress kept money flowing to a local company that got \$37 million for technology the military couldn't use." Vibration & Sound Solutions Ltd., a Virginia defense contractor, has received a steady flow of federal funds for various purposes and, according to the *Post*, "all the applications have one thing in common: The Pentagon hasn't wanted them."⁵

The DP-2 aircraft has received \$63 million in taxpayer funds-- entirely through earmarks-- despite a series of Pentagon and NASA studies that from the beginning found fault with the project.⁶ More than \$40 million has been earmarked to 21st Century Systems Inc. (21CSI) for the development of military software yet only one piece of that software has been used-- in a single Marine camp in Iraq-- and it is no longer in use.⁷

This year, nearly \$1.7 million was earmarked for Arcadia Biosciences, based in Seattle to improve the shelf life of vegetables. The funding would help "establish and evaluate variant populations of bell pepper, cantaloupe and strawberry."⁸

These are just a few examples of the wasteful earmarks funded through the Pentagon that have siphoned away funds from our national defense budget.

Earmarks contained within Defense appropriations bills have been linked to a number of recent Congressional corruption and ethics probes. Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham resigned from the House of Representatives after he admitted to taking \$2.4 million in bribes from two defense contractors. Federal investigators are examining whether Congressman Jerry Lewis, as the House Appropriations Chairman,

⁴ Statement of Administration Policy, "H.R. 2862, Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY2006," September 8, 2005;

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/legislative/sap/109-1/hr2862sap-s.pdf>

⁵ Charles R. Babcock. "The Project That Wouldn't Die," *Washington Post*, page D1, June 19, 2006;

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/18/AR2006061800631.html?referrer=emailarticle>

⁶ Jerry Kammer and Paul M. Krawzak. "Pentagon rejected aircraft built by campaign donor," *San Diego Union Tribune/COPLEY NEWS SERVICE*, June 13, 2007;

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/politics/20070613-9999-1n13airmark.html>

⁷ Paul Goodsell. "Firms count on Congress for funding," *Omaha World-Herald*, April 29, 2007;

http://www.omaha.com/index.php?u_page=2798&u_sid=2374508

⁸ "Murray and Cantwell Announce Senate Approval of nearly \$57.5 million in Job-Creating Defense Contracts for Washington State," press release, September 29, 2006

<http://murray.senate.gov/news.cfm?id=264157>

abused his position by steering earmarks to his political allies and former employees. The *Wall Street Journal* notes that, "the Lewis episode underscores the link between Member-steered earmarks and the opportunity for corruption. Convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff openly boasted that earmarks were his political currency and he called the Appropriations Committee that doles them out a 'favor factory' for lobbyists."⁹

Following last November's elections, the incoming Chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees promised "to restore an accountable, above-board, transparent process for funding decisions and put an end to the abuses that have harmed the credibility of Congress." With no Senate earmark rules changes yet in effect, the Senate Appropriations Committee has apparently decided to abandon the pledge to "place a moratorium on all earmarks until a reformed process is put in place."

It is obvious that taxpayers and policymakers can not count on Congress to provide transparency for how federal funds will be spent. We can only guess as to whether or not projects inserted into legislation are for necessary national security purposes or to satisfy the parochial self-interests of politicians and defense industry lobbyists.

I would, therefore, request that the Department provide a critique of each earmark contained within Defense appropriations and authorization bills within 48 hours of being reported out of the House and Senate committees. Specifically, I would like to know whether or not the Defense Department believes each earmark is useful and cost effective in advancing the goals of the Department and if not, why. Please also provide an analysis of the impact of the unnecessary earmarks on the Department's budget priorities.

This will provide needed information to lawmakers about projects inserted into bills that have not had proper oversight, debate or discussion. It will also ensure that every member of Congress can cast a truly informed vote on how federal funds are to be spent and provide a better understanding of the impact of unnecessary earmarks on overall military preparedness, our national defense, and other defense-related priorities.

Thank you for your assistance with this request. I look forward to working with you to ensure our troops have the resources and support they need to win the war against terrorism and protect our nation.

Sincerely,



Tom A. Coburn, M.D.
U.S. Senator

⁹ "Earmarker in Chief," *Wall Street Journal*, June 15, 2006, page A14;
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB115033555119580784.html>

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August 20, 2007

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

Dear Hon. Wilkie:

Enclosed is correspondence that I received from (b)(6) of Holgate, Ohio. He is concerned that the military is destroying surplus ammunition that could be purchased by the public.

I would appreciate your time and assistance to review (b)(6) concern. Please provide a response to my Defiance office that addresses surplus ammunition which may be outdated and its disposal. Should you have questions or require further information, my staff may be reached by calling 419-782-1996.

Thank you for your attention to my inquiry. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Gillmor
Member of Congress

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<MSG>I have been told by several friends that our government is currently destroying surplus ammo and other military supplies that are outdated and listed as surplus.

Many of us purchase surplus especially surplus ammunition. If this is actually true, then we all feel this is horribly wrong. What a tremendous waste of tax payer dollars (MINE). Especially since so much of these items are what many of want for our own personal use.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)
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Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House

August 15, 2007

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in further reference to my letter of August 13, 2007, regarding Codel Clyburn. Return travel with fewer than five members is authorized for Codel Clyburn.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Pelosi
Nancy Pelosi
Speaker

cc: The Honorable Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk
U.S. House of Representatives

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Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House

August 7, 2007

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in further reference to my letter of August 3, 2007, regarding Codel Clyburn. The dates of the codel are now August 12-15, 2007. The following additional Member and staff are authorized to travel:

The Honorable Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH)

Ms. Kate Knudson, Office of the Speaker
Ms. Ivana Alexander, Office of the Majority Leader
Ms. Roberta Hopkins, Office of Rep. William J. Jefferson
Ms. Casey O'Shea, Office of Rep. Charlie Melancon
Mr. Chris Debosier, Office of Rep. Charlie Melancon
Ms. Jessica Stewart, Office of Rep. Charlie Melancon
Mr. Brian Martin, Office of Rep. Gene Taylor

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Pelosi

Nancy Pelosi
Speaker

cc: The Honorable Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk
U.S. House of Representatives

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August 17, 2007

The Honorable Robert M. Gates
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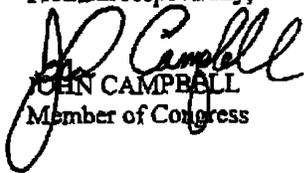
Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you are aware, during the debate on the Fiscal Year 2008 Department of Defense Appropriations bill, several amendments were offered on the House floor to strike various earmarks from the bill. I offered one such amendment due to the fact that I had questions about the necessity of an earmark funding a project to develop a Paint Shield for Microbial Threats. Because the Administration would be responsible for implementing this project, I would appreciate your assistance in answering three questions:

1. Has the military asked for this kind of technology?
2. Assuming this technology is effective, would this project be competitively bid out or would it go to one specific company because this project is listed as a Congressional earmark?
3. Since \$2 million has been allocated to this project, assuming it goes to Sherwin-Williams to develop this product, and they, in fact, develop it, will the taxpayers own that product? Is that then a product, a license, something that the taxpayers own?

Thank you for your attention on this matter and I look forward to your response.

I remain respectfully,


JOHN CAMPBELL
Member of Congress

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August 14, 2007

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

VIA FAX

Dear Secretary Wilkie:

Attached please find a memorandum prepared by my District Director on behalf of my constituent, Mr. Ed Kane, regarding his shipments of rocking horses to the families of troops.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter and providing me with a response for my constituent. Please mail your response to my Roanoke office at the address marked below.

Thank you for your assistance.

With kind regards.

Very truly yours,

Bob Goodlatte
Member of Congress

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

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FROM: Pete Larkin, District Director 

DATE: August 14, 2007

RE: Mr. Ed Kane
Back Creek Rocking Horse Company
7938 Martins Creek Road
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540/989-7431
540-774-0224

Mr. Ed Kane called Congressman Goodlatte's Roanoke office. Mr. Kane operates Back Creek Rocking Horse Company in Roanoke County. He has been making wooden rocking horses for many years. Following the attacks of September 11, 2001 he began donating rocking horses to the families of the wounded, firefighters, and police officers who died that day. He has subsequently begun donating them to the families of troops who have died in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and has donated them to day care centers at military bases. Mr. Kane would like to know if there are any funds that would defray the costs associated with shipping the rocking horses to the families of the troops.

TODD TIAHRT
4TH DISTRICT, KANSAS

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The Honorable Robert Wilkie
U.S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

(b)(6)

Dear Honorable Wilkie:

A 4th District constituent (b)(6) has contacted my office regarding a problem with which the U.S. Department of Defense might help.

(b)(6) and I are eager to resolve this problem. Your prompt consideration would be most appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Wisdom at 316-262-8992. Furthermore, please send all responses to my District office located at 155 N. Market, Suite 400, Wichita, KS 67202.

Best regards

Todd Tiahart
Member of Congress

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Name (b)(6)

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Phone Number (b)(6)

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Comments: hello todd, i got a situation with my current employer, i am employed with itt federal services out of colorado springs colorado, as a US ARMY DOD Contractor in Iraq, And i am currently on emergency leave via Red Cross message sent to me via my wife due to complications that arose from her labor, Anyways my company stated to me that if my leave is extended more then 30 days then my employment will be terminated with itt fed services. IS this legal? And can you please have the law pertaining to this. Thank (b)(6)

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July 23, 2007

Honorable Robert M. Gates
Secretary
U.S. Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to advise that I will be leading a delegation on a fact-finding visit to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Germany from August 20 to August 26, 2007. I have authorized Congressman Timothy J. Walz, Congressman John Boozman, and Tony Buckles, Chief of Staff of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to participate in this trip. In addition, the Honorable R. James Nicholson, Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as Thomas Bowman, Chief of Staff to the Secretary, will be in attendance.

The primary purpose of the Delegation's visit is to travel to the combat theaters of operation to observe the medical evacuation routes of wounded service members. The delegation will travel from Washington, DC, to Afghanistan then Iraq then Germany. They request briefings and updates from Defense officials knowledgeable on medical evacuation procedures and policy.

The actual cost of lodging is authorized for the Members of Congress and Committee staff for the countries to be visited. It would be appreciated if the Department of Defense could furnish such assistance as may be required, including transportation, to facilitate this fact-finding visit. The expenditure of funds for payment of actual and necessary expenses and such transportation as may be required is authorized pursuant to Title 31, U.S.C., Section 1108 (g) to the Members of Congress and Committee staff.

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Honorable Robert M. Gates
July 23, 2007
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I would also like to request military escorts from the Army Legislative Liaison Office be authorized to accompany the delegation for administrative and logistical support.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance. If you have further questions, please contact Malcom Shorter of the Committee staff at 225-9756.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Filner". The signature is stylized with a large initial "B" and a cursive "Filner".

BOB FILNER
Chairman

MS/jz



Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House

July 19, 2007

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter will authorize the Honorable James E. Clyburn, Majority Whip, and the Honorable Daniel P. Beard, Chief Administrative Officer, to travel with Codel Pastor on official business to Iceland, Ukraine, and the Netherlands during the approximate period of August 19-26, 2007. The purpose of the trip is to review United States and foreign military activities; to review geothermal, nuclear, wind, and tidal energy projects; and to meet with foreign officials in each country to discuss issues of mutual concern. Mrs. Emily Clyburn is authorized to travel for protocol purposes only, at no cost to the government.

It would be appreciated if the Department of Defense would furnish such assistance as is necessary, including ground transportation, to facilitate this mission, as well as military escort and military air transportation. Authorization for the expenditure of funds for the actual and necessary expenses should be made pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1108(g).

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Pelosi".

NANCY PELOSI
Speaker of the House

cc: The Honorable Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk
U.S. House of Representatives

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FRANK R. WOLF
10TH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA



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Hon. Robert Wilkie
Acting Secretary For Legislative Affairs
Department of Defense
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Dear Mr. Wilkie:

I am enclosing information about a logistics provider who may be of service to your department. New Breed Corporations is a successful third-party logistics services provider with extensive experience in serving world-renown clients.

If you believe this company may be beneficial to your department, you may contact Mr. Dennis C. Hunt, Executive Vice President of Aerospace and Government Services, who would like to arrange a meeting with you. Also, please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions or require further assistance.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress

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Enclosure





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Integrating Legacy Systems and Distribution Centers for Verizon Wireless

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Verizon Wireless, a leading national provider of wireless service, sells products and services directly to individual customers and through a network of retail locations and dealers.

The company began seeking a third-party logistics provider to manage these fulfillment functions, but there was an additional challenge: Verizon needed to consolidate eight separate distribution centers and six different legacy software systems that were the result of recent mergers and acquisitions in the wireless industry.

Rapid Implementation

Verizon selected New Breed to integrate these different requirements into one cohesive, effective solution. We drew on our existing infrastructure of distribution centers, experienced "in-house" talent, and best-of-breed IT capabilities to develop a solution that was operational in less than 60 days.

At present, this distribution network processes more than 50,000 units per day to fill 7,000 direct-to-consumer orders and 200 direct-to-retail and dealer orders with a shipping accuracy of 99.9 percent. The distribution center is also able to accommodate seasonal peaks that significantly increase the daily order volume.

In addition, the Ontario facility has been equipped to manage more than 5,000 returned items daily — a challenge because each item (cell phone or accessory) that is returned must be checked to determine its condition (valid SKU, new or used, under warranty, functioning properly).

Systems Integration and Visibility

To accomplish these goals, New Breed adapted our own order management system to interface with all of Verizon's legacy systems, consolidating information received from those systems into one application that Verizon can use to monitor the entire supply chain.

The New Breed Advantage

Extensive experience in logistics management, including distribution services, critical logistics, and consultative services.

Effective practices in physical distribution, order and inventory management, and transportation services. Broad capabilities in network design and analysis.

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This integration allowed the client's network of stores and suppliers to retain functionality of the systems that they had in place, while offering Verizon management complete, real-time visibility of all orders and inventory throughout the supply chain.

Consolidating Operations

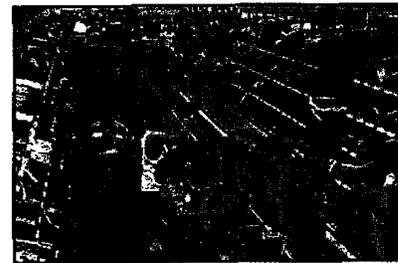
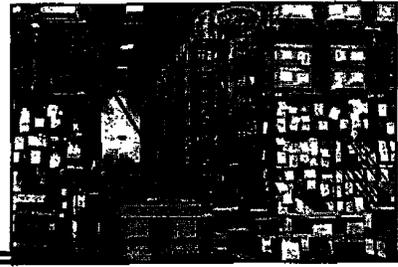
New Breed merged the existing network of eight distribution centers into one distribution center in Ontario, California, that would (with support from New Breed's Logistics Management group in North Carolina) handle all aspects of the operation.

This single DC handles:

- Receiving product from a variety of suppliers;
- Putaway of product for quick retrieval;
- Programming of wireless phones as orders are received;
- Pick-and-pack operations for both retail, dealer, and consumer order fulfillment;
- Shipping of retail and consumer direct orders; and
- Returns processing from retailers, dealers, and consumers.

Triage Program for Returns

The most recent development in New Breed's supply chain operation for Verizon Wireless is a "triage" program for managing returned items. The triage program expanded New Breed's responsibility for returns, requiring personnel to evaluate returned phones and make any repairs that don't require opening the phone, including replacing face plates, re-programming, replacing batteries, cleaning, polishing, and other tasks. The repaired phones are then used as field replacement units, or "FRUs", for Verizon Wireless customers who require temporary replacement phones.



As a true single-source logistics provider, New Breed has created unique solutions not only for Verizon Wireless, but also for industry leaders such as Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Audiovox Corporation, and the US Postal Service. New Breed has invested in expertise and technologies in Enterprise Application Integration (EAI) to provide reliable, highly available and real-time-connected supply chain solutions.



NEW BREED FACTS

New Breed is a privately held, third-party logistics provider that helps companies improve their supply chain performance through greater visibility and control of their operations. We manage more than 5 million square feet of warehouse space across more than 40 distribution centers in the U.S. and employ more than 3,500 people in a union-free work environment.



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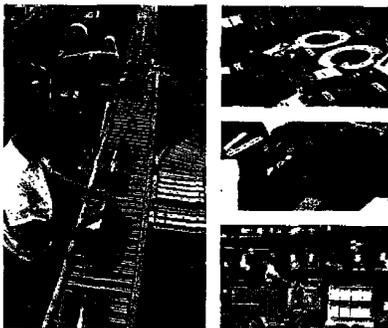
History Founded in 1968 as a specialized transportation company, New Breed quickly broadened its focus to information technology-based logistics solutions.

Services Distribution center operations and transportation management in support of manufacturing, distribution, returned goods, refurbishment & repair, and service parts operations. Services are supported by a robust technology infrastructure, with integrated systems for warehouse management, transportation, order management, and supply chain analysis.

Quality New Breed operations conform to all requirements of the ISO 9001:2000 quality standard and the ISO 14001:2004 environmental management system standard.

Financial Strength New Breed is a strong, financially sound company that has a history of investing to support clients. In 2005, Warburg Pincus, the global private equity firm, acquired an interest in the company, further strengthening New Breed's ability to grow in support of client requirements.

Clients New Breed has transformed the supply chains of some of the world's largest and most respected organizations, including Boeing, Verizon Wireless, Siemens, Sony, United Technologies, the U.S. Marine Corps, and the U.S. Postal Service.



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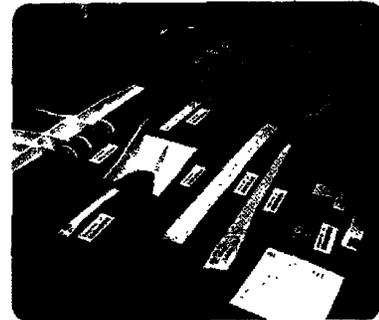
New Breed designs and runs vendor managed inventory (VMI) programs, which delay transfer of inventory ownership to the manufacturer until the part is ordered and shipped to the line. New Breed's custom-designed VMI software allows manufacturers and suppliers to view and manage inventories on the web. Storage contracts with New Breed can be with the OEM or the supplier. Features of the VMI service include:

- Accurate management of inventory. New Breed's system maintains inventory electronically by different owners.
- Automated replenishment. Min/max inventory levels are established and the system triggers replenishment requests when minimum levels are reached.
- Visibility to inventory across supply chain. Password-protected log-ins give OEMs and suppliers access to their specific data.

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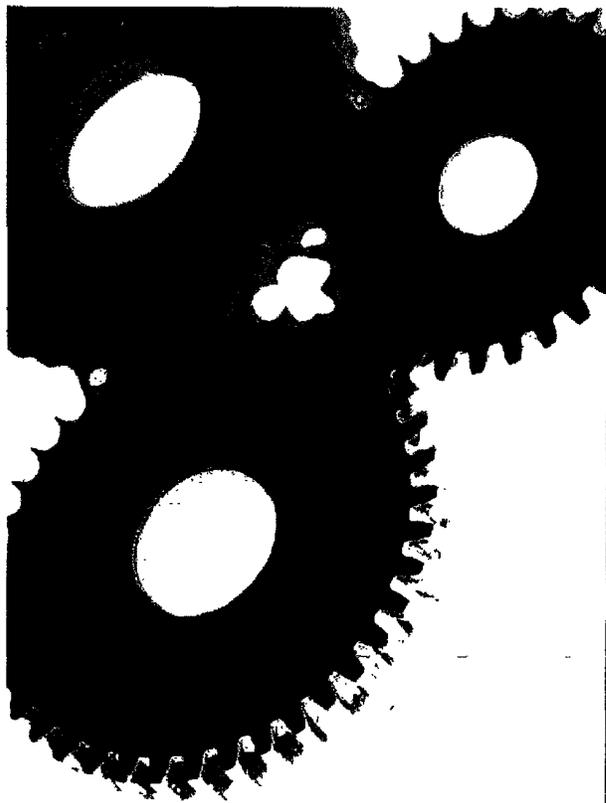
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The Honorable Robert Wilkie
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RE: (b)(6)
SSN (b)(6)

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

Please address reply to:

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(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

Honorable Representative,

My name is (b)(6) and I am a combat veteran of the 25th Infantry Division. I am writing you because I feel as a veteran I am not being taken with serious regard. I'm not exactly sure with which government department my problem lies because I am not getting straight answers. I am currently attending Ozarks Technical Community College and am receiving the Montgomery G.I. bill. I looked over my enlistment contract and found that I am entitled to \$33,000 from the Army College Fund. I contacted the V.A. and they said that amount would be added to my award. It was only partially added in a very slight amount and they told me that I would have to contact the Department of Defense to take up my dispute. The phone numbers they gave me have lead me nowhere and now I'm not sure where else I can turn for help. I have a 3.0 G.P.A. and I need this money to finish my degree program. If there is anything you can do to help my situation I would greatly appreciate it. Thankyou for your time.

(b)(6)

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

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July 16, 2007

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

Dear Assistant Secretary Wilkie.

My constituent, Mr. Michael Podobnik, president of Teletrix, a small business in Pittsburgh, PA, has contacted me regarding problems with the bid process and the contract award related to Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Carderock Division, Solicitation No. N00167-07-Q-5030.

I have these concerns: The first is NSWC's errors and lack of a timely response to my constituent in its written and verbal correspondence. The second concern is that the firm that received the contract award appears to be a distributor for a foreign company.

Regarding my first concern, the enclosed letters and e-mails document numerous errors by the contracting officer which cast doubt on the credibility, fairness, and legitimacy of the bidding and selection process. Additionally, a member of my staff spoke with the contracting officer, Ms. Cathleen Haffner, on June 21, 2007. In this conversation, Ms. Haffner said the contract had not been awarded, contradicting a letter to Teletrix dated 18 May, 2007 which she signed, stating in part that Radiation Safety and Control Services, Inc., 91 Portsmouth Avenue, Stratham, NH 03885, had received the contract award.

Secondly, I am very concerned that it appears this contract has been awarded to a company that does not produce or manufacture the solicited training devices. I would view very unfavorably a decision to award this contract to a distributor for a foreign company rather than an American owned and operated small business who does produce and manufacture the required training device.

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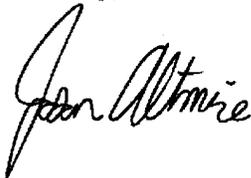
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My constituent has filed a formal protest with regard to the technical aspects of this solicitation. I strongly endorse his protest in its entirety, and in particular on the non-technical issues.

Please provide a detailed explanation in response to my concerns and those of my constituent. Also, please provide a point of contact at DOD or Navy who my staff may contact for progress updates regarding this issue. My staff point of contact is Greg Malinak at my district office, 2124 Freeport Road, Natrona Heights, PA 15065, 724-226-1304.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Jason Altmire

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Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House

July 18, 2007

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in further reference to my letter of July 2, 2007, regarding Codel Hoyer. The following Members and staff are authorized to travel:

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Ms. Mariah Sixkiller, Policy Advisor to the Majority Leader
Mr. Dave Ransom, Communications Advisor to the Majority Leader
Ms. Yleem Poblete, Minority Staff Director, House Foreign Affairs Committee
Mr. Jason Gandolph, USCP
Mr. Leon Croner, USCP
Mr. Kyle King, USCP

In addition, Mr. Scott Kamins, Headquarters, Department of State has been invited to travel with the delegation.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI
Speaker of the House

cc: The Honorable Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk
U.S. House of Representatives

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Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House

July 12, 2007

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in further reference to my letter of June 27, 2007, regarding Staffdel Wellman. The following staff members are authorized to travel:

Mr. Mark Wellman, Chief of Staff to Rep. Paul Gillmor
Ms. Janice McKinney, Asst. Dir., Office of Interparliamentary Affairs
Mr. Ryan, Walker, Legislative Assistant to Rep. Paul Gillmor
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Mr. Robert McCreary, Chief of Staff to Rep. Doug Lamborn

The following staff members of the Congressional Research Service have been invited to travel with the delegation:

Ms. Sherry Shapiro, Congressional Research Service
Mr. Ian Fergusson, Congressional Research Service

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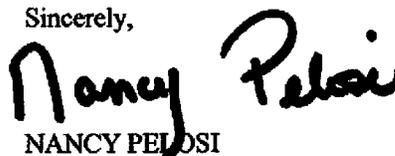
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Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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July 19, 2007

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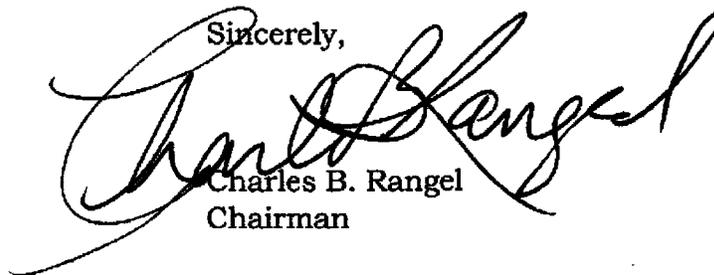
Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is to inform you that I will be traveling to Peru, Panama, and Colombia during the approximate time period of Saturday, August 4 through Wednesday, August 8, 2007; the House is not scheduled to be in session during this time. I will be accompanied by members from my Trade Subcommittee staff, Mr. Timothy H. Reif and Mrs. Vijaya L. Rangaswami.

The purpose of this trip is to meet with Heads of State of these countries to discuss issues regarding trade between these countries and the United States.

It would be appreciated if the U.S. Department of Defense could furnish such assistance as may be required, including transportation to facilitate this trip. The expenditure of funds for the payment of the actual and necessary expenses and such transportation as may be required is authorized by 31 U.S.C. 1108 (g).

Sincerely,



Charles B. Rangel
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July 5, 2007

The Honorable Robert Gates
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1300

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter is to authorize additional travelers for CODEL Gordon to Greenland from July 19 through July 22, 2007. In addition to those authorized in previous letters, Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson and Rep. Todd Akin and spouse (Lulli) will be traveling. Committee on Science and Technology staffer Louis Finkel will also be traveling. Rep. Mike Ross and his spouse, authorized previously, will not be on the trip.

The purpose of this trip is to observe changes in the Arctic environment, to visit scientific facilities, and to learn about ongoing research on global climate change. Agencies within the Committee's jurisdiction, including the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), fund and perform much of the research in the Arctic.

I am requesting the expenditure of funds for the payment of actual and necessary expenses such as transportation and military escorts as may be required as authorized by 31 USC 1108(g).

I would appreciate the Department of Defense, specifically the United States Air Force, furnishing such assistance as may be required, including military aircraft and transportation, to facilitate the CODEL.

If you have any questions, please contact Leigh Ann Brown at (202) 225-6375. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Bart Gordon
BART GORDON
Chairman

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June 26, 2007

The Honorable Robert Gates
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1300

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter is to authorize additional travelers for CODEL Gordon to Greenland from July 19 through July 22 2007. In addition to those authorized in previous letters, Rep. Daniel Lipinski and his spouse Judy, Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner and his spouse Cheryl, and Rep. Brad Miller and his spouse Esther Hall will be traveling.

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Sincerely



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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. 20301-1300

Dear Assistant Secretary Wilkie,

Attached please find a letter from (b)(6), including attachments, one of which is a letter (b)(6) sent to Secretary Gates on March 9, 2007, to which there has been no response to date. Based upon 35 years of medical practice and hundreds of successful treatments, (b)(6) is knowledgeable about the physical nature of closed head injuries and post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSD). He is gravely concerned that those soldiers and veterans with such medical conditions should be properly studied with medical assessments of the brain, specifically the use of SPECT scans, PET scans, volumetric MRI brain scans to measure the hippocampus and amygdale of the brain, as well as neuropsychological testing. He also is informing us about the very positive treatment of PTSD his patients have experienced with the drug, sibutramine, which he would like to share with those in the federal government serving the health needs of our military personnel.

The other attachments include a published study on the rapid PTSD treatment response time to sibutramine ("Epilepsy and Behavior" 7 (2005) 565-566), and an example of the successful treatment of a veteran from the Viet Nam War, (b)(6) who shared with Congressman Murtha in a letter sent on January 25, 2006 his experience with PTSD and his successful treatment using sibutramine under (b)(6) supervision.

(b)(6) is committed to further and more detailed discussion of his successful course of treatment for PTSD with those personnel in the Department of Defense and the Veteran's Administration tasked with treating the health needs of those men and women returning from battle are seeking help for PTSD.

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I would appreciate your checking into the matter for me and providing any information which will help me respond to (b)(6) sincere offer to assist our nation's soldiers. I know that the matter will be carefully and objectively reviewed and I am grateful for any assistance you may be able to render.

Please respond to my Mercer/Burlington Constituent Service Center, 1540 Kuser Road, Suite A9, Hamilton, New Jersey 08619, attention Candace Mueller. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Christopher H. Smith in cursive script.

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
Member of Congress

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(b)(6)

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

(b)(6)

May 9, 2007

Dear Congressman Smith,

As noted in the enclosed materials, I have worked the past 35 years in the practice of neuropsychiatry and see patients who have serious problems with head injury, violence, psychosis, suicidality, and PTSD. As indicated in the enclosed letter I recently wrote to Secretary of Defense Gates, these patients are almost entirely neurologically injured people and require careful diagnostic studies prior to treatment: diagnosis determines treatment. I have then gone on to find treatments in many of those disorders which have not been treatable prior to that time.

I am looking to you for help in contacting both the DOD and the VA system to employ these objective diagnostic procedures and thence to utilize the established treatments for these organic neurological problems where available. For heretofore refractory or even untreatable problems, I have developed a number of treatments which have been quite effective.

One such treatment is the use of sibutramine for PTSD. This has been carried out in large numbers now by William Annitto, M.D., Chairman of Psychiatry at the Beth Israel Medical Center of Newark. I enclose a paper on this treatment previously published. We have another study of 46 patients with a similar 90 percent positive response with severely ill psychotic and/or suicidal PTSD patients. Furthermore, it now appears that this medicine can be discontinued after a few months and the PTSD does not return, i.e., a cure. We have now treated about 350 patients with this same rapid 90 percent response (50 percent of the repair occurs in the first 24 hours).

There are several problems that Dr. Annitto and myself cannot solve alone. We appeal for your assistance in this regard where possible. These include:

1) Most of the VA hospitals do not have the equipment nor the expertise in performing the basic necessary diagnostic studies required for the proper diagnostic workups for these patients. Even a small hospital such as Princeton Medical Center has these. These should include:

- a) Brain SPECT Scans
- b) Brain PET Scans
- c) Volumetric MRI brain scans (to measure the changes in the hippocampus and amygdala of the brain which have been shown to be "shrunken" by PTSD). This would not only help establish the diagnosis objectively but might also be used as a measure of treatment response.

(b)(6)

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

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March 9, 2007

Dear Secretary Gates:

The treatment of closed head injuries in an outpatient setting has been one of my specialties for more than 30 years. I am referred patients from throughout the U.S. and other countries. I am appalled at the lack of knowledge and careful attention that neurologists and psychiatrists have demonstrated on a consistent basis with the resultant storehousing of these helpless souls. The U.S. government has been well aware of this "Silent Epidemic." In the enclosed U.S. government publication from April 1986, you may note that it was estimated that closed head injuries in 1974 in the U.S. cost \$4 billion (in 1974 dollars!). It is absurd what was stated in Congress by an Army witness that we have just become aware of this problem in the past two years! I have enclosed a number of case histories to illustrate such. Perhaps the saddest of all was (b)(6) who went to Exeter and Princeton with me. He suffered major shrapnel wounds to his right hemisphere of his brain at the age of 22 years in November, 1952 in Korea. (See the note by a Princeton classmate who was with him in Korea.) He did not come to any meaningful life or awareness until he was brought from New Mexico to my office in Princeton in June, 1994. He spent 42 years in psychic darkness with bogus "psychiatric" diagnoses despite the finding of brains in his helmet. This just proves that even the most powerful and fortunate do not get even the minimum care. If the son of the Director of the CIA and nephew of the US Secretary of State (and a Macy to boot!) cannot receive even D-minus treatment, you can understand why there has been so much neglect for hundreds of thousands of the less fortunate.

I submit my credentials herein in hopes that you give credence to my requests. My family has many physicians including my father who discovered the treatment of peritonitis in the late 1930s and was written up by Paul deKruif ("Mortality Zero"). My uncle, Admiral Bruce E. Bradley, MD was commanding officer of Bethesda Naval Hospital and later Asst. Surgeon General of the Navy. I was retired as a Medical Director (4 stripes) from the U.S. P.H.S. Reserve 11 years ago and spent six years at NIH in research (see C.V. and Bib.). My late brother, Mark N. Mueller, MD, and myself were consultants to the VA (he in Utah and myself in NJ). My son, (b)(6) has worked the past several years at the Martinsburg VA as a neuropsychiatrist. I see several patients from the VA here, especially since I discovered the treatment for PTSD,

which in some patients appears to be a cure in that the medication (sibutramine) can be stopped after a few months and the disorder does not return. See especially the case history and pictures of the Vietnam Vet who was 33 years in an organic psychosis with both a closed head injury and PTSD.

My purpose for writing you is several-fold and I will try to be brief because your time is valuable and long letters do not get read!

1) Closed-head injuries and PTSD are organic brain disorders and should receive an initial thorough diagnostic work-up. The EEG and CT Scans are usually of little use. The brain SPECT and PET scans are most useful for brain function and the brain MRI and MRA are most useful for anatomical brain defects. Neuropsychological testing (not psychiatric testing) is very helpful to measure memory, visual-spatial, language, emotional, and executive function impairments. Remember always: any psychiatric problems in these patients are organic and involuntary in nature and not situationally related, malingering, or some other environmental drama. The exception here would seem to be PTSD, but the environmental shock invariably produces temporal-limbic system physical impairments (especially in the amygdala and hippocampus) which are picked up by the SPECT, PET, and even volumetric MRI brain scans.

It has been my experience that none of these studies has been done on these closed-head injuries and/or PTSD in the VA hospitals at this time. Most of them do not even have these scans which are now routine even in a small hospital such as Princeton Medical Center.

I left out a careful clinical history and mental status exam. These are taught in the second year medical school program and they should be routine. They are not (b)(6), Prof. of Neurology at Harvard and the world's authority in epilepsy, and myself are usually the only doctors who ask if these patients have amnesia; smell, taste, visual, tactile, or auditory hallucinations; staring spells; breaks in awareness; and rage attacks with amnesia. (b)(6) has been my frequent consultant for many of my patients, there being no one else I would trust in NJ, NY, or Pennsylvania!

2) Treatment is determined by the organic diagnosis. Psychotherapy is not helpful initially but may be after the organic disorders have been successfully treated. Years and even lifetimes are wasted (such as with (b)(6) or the Vietnam veteran) with fruitless but well-meaning psychotherapy and psychiatric medicines.

3) The major treatments for the closed-head injuries are the nonsedating antiepileptics (Carbatrol, Trileptal, Lamictal, Depakote-ER, Keppra, etc.) and high-dose Inderal-LA for violence. Many or most of these medicines are not available in most VA hospitals. (There are other little tricks I have discovered for special circumstances such as L-Carnitine for mitochondrial impairments frequently seen by me with closed-head injuries, but I don't want to get too fancy here!).

4) The only successful treatment for PTSD is sibutramine (Meridia®). See the paper Dr. William Anitto and I had published recently with 94% recovery, usually in just a few days. We have gone on to treat 250 more PTSD patients with an 89% response in severely ill, psychotic and/or suicidal PTSD patients at Newark's Beth Israel Hospital in Newark where (b)(6) is Chairman of Psychiatry (see the enclosed article on him). Psychotherapy, antidepressants, antiepileptics, and especially Inderal (propranolol) do not work for PTSD in the slightest. I have personally treated 75 patients with PTSD with propranolol up to 320 mg/day (for post-traumatic migraine) with no PTSD response. This is important because the recent TV programs *60 Minutes* and *Boston Legal* mentioned propranolol as a PTSD treatment and it is not true.

5) Propranolol up to 320 mg/day is quite valuable, however, for the prevention of migraine (which most of these closed head injury patients suffer from). Also, high dose propranolol (up to 2560 mg/day) is very effective for about 75 percent of patients with organic violence, rages, and severe impulsivity which many of these head injury patients suffer from.

6) There are other medicines which can also specifically help repair cognitive deficits (including Provigil and Selegiline – but I am getting fancy again, I'm afraid).

7) Always try to keep the patient out of the hospital, teach him and his or her family everything you can about their illness, give them copies of all findings, and be available by telephone for any problem. (I or my wife personally answer the phone.) I have run a free group every Friday from 5-6:30 PM and spend up to \$1000/month of my own money for the past 35 years to this end. I work six days a week and had my last vacation in 1978 when my brother was dying. It is a joy. I guess I am writing you not only because it may save many thousands of lives, but also because I wonder why other doctors have not found this joy.

Remember: There are at least three problems the VA has in giving these wounded men the proper, thorough, and 80-90% effective treatment.

1) When my patients (such as the Vietnam War veteran presented here and another, a Colonel (Ret.) and my Princeton '52 classmate in Miami with PTSD) told the VA staff what had cured their PTSD and offered our paper to them to help their other patients, they dropped the paper and ran. Clearly, they were upset that we have cleared the wards of severely ill, suicidal, and psychotic inpatients in less than two weeks. It did appear that they feared for their jobs!

2) Many old, totally disabled Vets are getting \$2,000-\$3,000/month, tax-free plus free medical care for themselves and their families. They fear the loss of their disability after 20-30 years. They need reassurance of continuing care. This would save the U.S. millions of dollars per year.

3) Most of the care for these brain injured and PTSD vets is carried out by social workers or psychologists with "psychotherapy." This should never be the first-line of treatment. Again, these nonphysicians would be out of a lot of work. The PET, SPECT, and MRI show the physical nature of these problems and the treatment is medical not psychological.

By the way, you would take the mystery out of PTSD (and possible abuse of this diagnosis) if you did the quantitative assessment of the brain's amygdala and hippocampus which was done first at the West Haven VA.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Robert M. Gates
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter will authorize the Honorable Betty McCollum (D-MN), the Honorable Lincoln Davis (D-TN), Ms. Brooke Bennett, Minority Counsel for the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and Mr. Bill Harper, Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Betty McCollum, to travel between Cairo, Egypt and the Gaza Strip on July 3, 2007. The purpose of the trip is to meet with government officials in the region to discuss issues of mutual concern.

It would be appreciated if the Department of Defense would furnish such assistance as is necessary, including ground transportation, to facilitate this mission, as well as military escort and military air transportation. Authorization for the expenditure of funds for the actual and necessary expenses should be made pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1108(g).

- Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI
Speaker of the House

cc: The Honorable Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk
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Dear Secretary Wilkie:

I recently received the accompanying newsletter via email. Needless to say, I was disgusted at the prospect that it is true.

"(A recent) Pentagon study provides evidence for a searing indictment not of our soldiers but of Washington's rules of engagement. Consider the waking nightmare of being a U.S. combat troop in Iraq: imagine that you are thrust into a battlefield—but purposely hamstrung by absurd restrictions. Iraqis throw Molotov cocktails (i.e., gasoline-filled bottles) at your vehicle—but you are prohibited from responding with force.

"Iraqis, to quote the study, 'drop large chunks of concrete blocks from second story buildings or overpasses' as you drive by—but you are not allowed to respond. 'Every group of Soldiers and Marines interviewed,' the Pentagon study summarizes, 'reported that they felt the existing ROE [rules of engagement] tied their hands, preventing them from doing what needed to be done to win the war.'

"And the soldiers are right. In Iraq, Washington's rules have systematically prevented our brave and capable troops from using all necessary force to win, to crush the insurgency—and even to protect themselves. As noted in news articles since the start of the war, American forces are ordered not to bomb key targets, such as power plants, and to avoid firing into mosques (where insurgents hide) lest they offend Muslim sensibilities.

"Having to follow such self-effacing rules of engagement while confronting sniper fire and ambushes and bombs from every direction, day in and day out, must be utterly demoralizing and unbearable." - Elan Journo of the Ayn Rand Institute

Is the Pentagon trying to re-create the fiasco of Vietnam by again tying the hands of our combatants? It seems to be a tad late to worry about the "hearts and minds." Please send your immediate comments to my DC office. Thank you.

VR,

Tom Tancredo
Member of Congress

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