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The Honorable William J. Perry Secretary of Defense 1000 Defense Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Secretary Perry:

I am writing to request that you give Martin K. Eby, Jr. of Wichita, KS, every consideration for early selection to the 1996 Joint Civilian Orientation Conference. He is now an alternate for inclusion in the JCOC, but I urge you to move his name to the top of the list as primary cancellations make new spots available.

Mr. Eby is Chairman of the Board, President and CEO of the Eby Corporation, one of Kansas' proudest construction firms with division offices in Texas, Florida and Arizona.

Mr. Eby's professional, civic and academic affiliations make him a sought-after consultant in many areas. He has served ably as a director, officer and committee member of numerous boards and associations, including the Kansas State University Endowment Association, Greater Wichita Community Foundation, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce, Wichita State University Center for Entrepreneurship and the Wichita Crime Commission.

He is a member of the board of directors of Utility Contractors, Inc., SBC Communications, Inc., Intrust Financial Corporation and Intrust Bank, Goodwill Industries Easter Seal Society of Kansas, Inc., among others.

He has served through the years on every major medical, cultural and charitable building and fundraising drive in Wichita and has been a faithful, hardworking trustee of any number of civic entities. Mr. Eby is a man of character and prominence in our community and I believe he would be a great asset to the 1996 Joint Civilian Orientation Conference.

If you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Best regards

Todd Tiahrt Member of Congress

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