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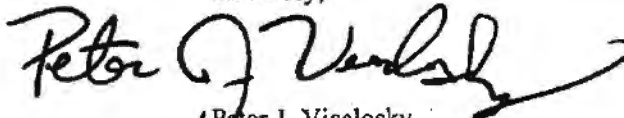
Dear Secretary Gates:

I write on behalf of (b)(6) a resident of Indiana's First Congressional District.

(b)(6) has contacted me to express her concerns regarding Department of Defense (DOD) contracts for anti-rocket propelled grenade technology. Specifically, she is upset that Israel currently possesses the technology, and that the DOD has blocked the testing and contracting of that system. Further, she is concerned that the DOD is instead opting to develop their own technology from scratch, which will not be completed until 2011. I would appreciate your addressing her concerns.

Thank you in advance for your serious consideration of this matter. Do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

  
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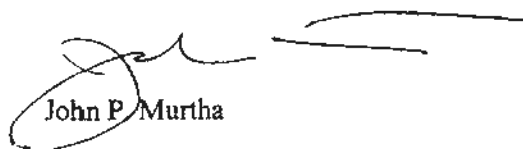
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I was pleased to have successfully sponsored Section 8151 of the FY 2002 Defense Appropriations Act giving you the ability to authorize the use of Title 38 pay and benefits levels for Department of Defense nurses and other specified medical occupations.

This new compensation authority was meant to address the continuing problem the Department has experienced in attracting and retaining fully qualified civilian nurses and other key medical personnel. Until now, your military medical commands have been required to operate under the out-dated pay structures specified by Title 5, which has put them at a significant competitive disadvantage. Shifting to Title 38 authorities should result in saving the taxpayers millions of dollars by greatly reducing the need to fill persistent personnel shortages with very expensive contract nurses and will also alleviate high nurse turnover rates.

I would appreciate receiving a report from your staff on the status of implementing Section 8151. I would also request a breakdown comparing old and new pay structures and other key personnel policy changes that will result from this change in law, the number of personnel that are expected to be employed under the new Title 38 authority by service and by occupation for each of the next three fiscal years, and the expected cost savings by service from reduced dependence on contract specialists for this same time period.

Sincerely,

  
John P. Murtha

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

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld

I write on behalf of (b)(6) a resident of Indiana's First Congressional District

(b)(6) has contacted me to express her concerns regarding the awarding of a contract, to construct lighter tanks, to a company that has former President George H W Bush as a member of the board of directors I would appreciate your addressing (b)(6) concerns

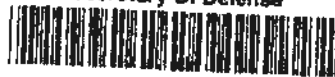
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Dear Friend:

Please join us for a fundraising breakfast honoring our colleague and friend, Congressman Mike Thompson. Mike is a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the Military Installations & Facilities and Military Personnel subcommittees. He is a Vietnam combat veteran and his district, California's First, contains Traverse Air Force base.

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We do hope you are able to join us for this breakfast discussion. Thank you in advance for your generous support of our colleague and friend.

Sincerely,

  
John P. Murtha

  
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May 28, 2002

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

Dear Mr. Moore:

Enclosed please find correspondence submitted to my office by my constituent, (b)(6)  
(b)(6)

(b)(6) has contacted my office with concerns regarding a contract awarded by the Department of the Army to The Calumet Group, Inc. This contract is to provide staffing services to the Army Community Services (ASC) throughout the Republic of Korea. According to (b)(6) (b)(6) she has been experiencing a number of problems with the Area I ACS Director. (b)(6) (b)(6) states some of the problems have resulted with cost over runs and have not had any resolution to her concerns.

(b)(6) also brings forth a secondary issue of conflict of interest. (b)(6) states the Contract Office Representative she works through is the husband of the Area I ACS Director.

I would greatly appreciate your review of the circumstances involved in this matter and your insights as to efforts that can be taken to address (b)(6) concerns.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Mike Pizana, my Congressional Aide, at the Merrillville District Office should you have any questions or comments pertaining to this request.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Visclosky  
Member of Congress

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I was very pleased that Congress accepted my proposal as part of the FY 2001 Supplemental Appropriations Act to infuse a significant amount of money into the Defense Health program to improve the military direct care system. As expressed in the various committee reports accompanying the bill, Congress has clearly stated its desire to reverse the pattern of disinvestment in our military medical treatment facilities that has been greatly exacerbated by the need to cover the large unanticipated cost growth of TRICARE contracts.

I believe that so-called optimization of the military direct care system is not only the right thing to do for our military personnel, but can serve to draw eligible patients back into the military medical treatment facilities where the cost of care is significantly lower than that provided by TRICARE contractors. An important result of your strategic review should be to emphasize MTF optimization. I strongly urge you to follow up on our initiative and expand upon this optimization effort in your fiscal year 2003 budget proposal.

I would also call the Department's attention to the September 15, 2001 reporting deadline for informing Congress which projects will be funded with Supplemental funds. The Committee will use this report to judge the Department's commitment to MTF optimization and it will be an important factor when we make our funding recommendations for the fiscal year 2002 defense budget. I urge you to make implementation of this effort a priority.

Sincerely,



John P. Murtha  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations

cc: Military Service Secretaries  
Military Surgeons General

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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld  
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Dear Mr Secretary

Authorization is hereby granted to Congressman John P Murtha, a member of the Committee, to travel from Johnstown, PA to Andrews Air Force Base, MD, aboard military aircraft on August 3, 2002 This is necessary to enable Congressman Murtha to connect with a military aircraft leaving for the Middle East on Committee business later that day

It would be appreciated if you will have someone from Army National Guard Bureau assist in making whatever arrangements are necessary for this travel

Sincerely,  
  
C W Bill Young  
Chairman

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Mr. Lawrence T. Di Rita  
Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense  
for Legislative Matters  
United States Department of Defense  
The Pentagon Room 3E966  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Di Rita:

Enclosed please find correspondence submitted to my office by my constituent, (b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6) has contacted my office with concerns regarding the evaluation of the credentials of her company, Calumet Group, Inc., by the United States Navy. The company's credentials were questioned, and she feels the results of the evaluation should be reviewed.

I would greatly appreciate your review of the circumstances involved in this matter and your insights as to efforts which can be taken to address (b)(6) concerns.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Korry Baack, my Congressional Aide at the Gary District office should you have any questions or comments pertaining to this request.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Visclosky  
Member of Congress

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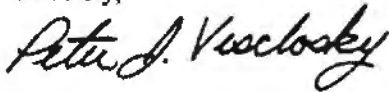
Dear Mr. Di Rita:

On July 19, 2001, I wrote you in regard to my constituent (b)(6) A copy of said letter is enclosed for your reference.

I would greatly appreciate being advised as to the status of this matter at your earliest convenience.

Thank you in advance for your courtesies in this regard and should you have any questions, please feel free to call on my aide, Mr. Kerry Baack, at the Gary District Office.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Visclosky  
Member of Congress

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Hon. Powell A. Moore  
Asst. Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs  
U.S. Department of Defense  
1300 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301-1300

Dear Hon. Moore:

I am writing to you on behalf of my constituent, (b)(6) who currently has a complaint pending with the Department of Defense Inspector General.

Enclosed for your review are copies of (b)(6) correspondence. As you can see, (b)(6) has experienced significant difficulties in dealing with North American Van Lines.

Based on the concerns of my constituent, I would appreciate your review of this matter. Upon completion of your inquiry, please advise me of your determinations.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

JAMES P. MORAN  
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

Please Respond to the Alexandria District Office // Peter.Hearding@mail.house.gov

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The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the decision of the Army Chief of Staff to purchase over 2.5 million black berets from companies that will manufacture these items in foreign countries.

As you know, on October 17, 2000, Army Chief of Staff Major General Eric Shinseki issued a change in uniform policy for all Army personnel, ordering that each individual soldier be outfitted with a black beret by June 14, 2001. The decision to outfit all soldiers, not just Army Rangers, with a black beret has been very controversial. The purpose of this letter is not to comment on the wisdom of this policy change, but to protest the procedures that have been put into place.

Specifically, I have major reservations about the Pentagon's decision to grant a waiver for foreign acquisition of over 2.5 million black berets to companies which are manufacturing the headgear in the People's Republic of China, Romania, Sri Lanka, India, South Africa, and Canada. These contracts reportedly total over \$26 million. Some of these firms have an option to produce one million additional berets prior to the October 1, 2001 phase-in deadline. Under normal circumstances, U.S. firms could supply the Army with these berets.

In its decision to purchase berets from foreign suppliers, the Defense Logistics Agency waived the Berry Amendment, the federal law which requires the Pentagon to buy clothing made in U.S. factories of 100 percent American components, and bypassed normal procurement procedures in order to meet an unusually short deadline.

The Berry Amendment was passed to protect the American industrial base the military relies upon in times of peace and war. It is true that waiving the amendment is permissible in order to meet high volume requests or tight time constraints. However, we have been informed that the American apparel industry could produce the new one-piece berets the Army requested, rather than the two piece sewn items that American firms currently manufacture, if these firms had been given sufficient lead time to fill the order. Instead, the seemingly arbitrary deadline for the new berets will cause U.S. firms to lose millions of dollars and send this important business to foreign companies.

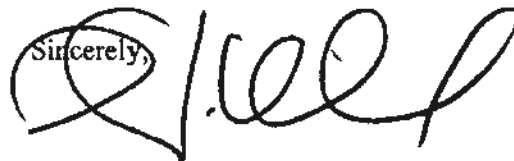
The Honorable George W. Bush  
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I am also disturbed by press accounts that awarding these contracts to foreign firms will be more expensive for American taxpayers. It has been reported that the cost of a beret made overseas is \$9, compared to \$4.75 that would be charged by U.S. companies. This decision will adversely affect U.S. companies, American workers, and may in fact waste taxpayer dollars.

Military uniforms are a powerful symbol for U.S. soldiers, representing who they are and what they stand for. That is one reason why they are manufactured in our own country, except in times of crisis. The Army's decision to purchase the black berets from companies who manufacture them overseas may undermine the very morale and unity the Army is attempting to instill in its forces with its decision to outfit its soldiers in matching headgear.

I respectfully request that you immediately reconsider the Army's contract and amend the contract awards to allow U.S. companies a greater opportunity to participate in the production of the black berets. I hope you agree with me that in this instance, the Pentagon should employ its traditional procurement process that ensures fair and cost-effective military purchasing standards. At a minimum, I urge you to make certain that American companies manufacture the additional one million berets that may be requested by the Pentagon.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,  


Peter J. Visclosky  
Member of Congress

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