

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

March 11, 2004

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld  
Secretary of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1000

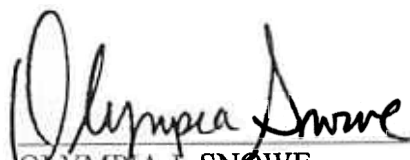
Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

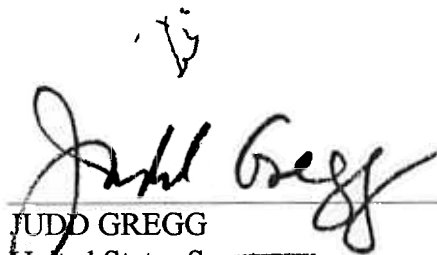
We are writing to you regarding the requirement for the Department of Defense to provide Congress with a Force Structure Plan, an Infrastructure Inventory and a certification of need to support the 2005 round of base realignments and closures. PL 107-107 specifically requires the department to provide Congress with this information as part of the budget justification for fiscal year 2005. The law also specifies that: "If the Secretary does not include the certifications referred to in paragraph (1), the process by which military installations may be selected for closure or realignment under this part in 2005 shall be terminated."


The spirit of the law is to provide this information to Congress with the initial delivery of budget justification material. This would be consistent with the BRAC timeline posted on the Department of Defense web site, which indicates that the Force Structure Plan & Infrastructure Inventory should be provided in February 2004. This would also be consistent with the Department of Defense Policy Memorandum One on Transformation through Base Realignment and Closure, which states: "The final force structure plan shall be issued as soon as possible after final force decisions are made during preparation of the FY 2005 budget, but no later than February 2, 2004." The delegation has requested this information from the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, but these data have not yet been provided.

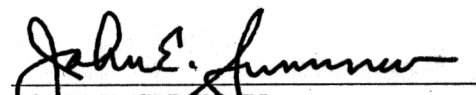
Please provide us as soon as possible with your reasoning as to why the Department of Defense has not complied with the provisions of PL 107-107 and advise us on your plans to provide this information to Congress forthwith. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

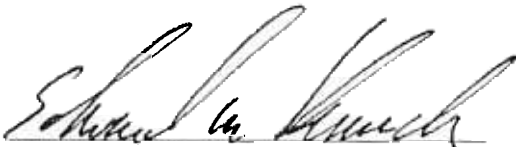
Sincerely,

  
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United States Senator

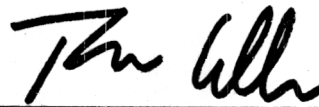
  
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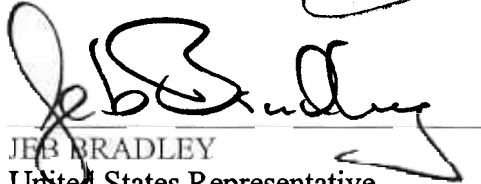
  
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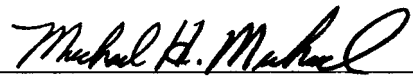
THOMAS H. ALLEN  
United States Representative



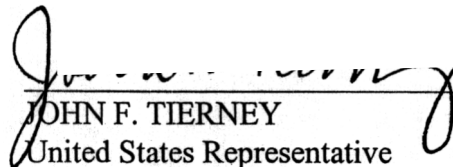
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