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October 20, 2009

The Honorable Daniel Inouye
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense
Dirksen 119
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense
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The Honorable John Murtha
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense
H-149, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable C.W. Bill Young
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense
H-149, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Inouye, Ranking Member Cochran, Chairman Murtha, and Ranking Member Young:

As you enter into conference negotiations for the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010, I request your support in retaining the following projects:

1) Project Name: Permafrost Tunnel

Account: RDA

Amount: \$500,000

Recipient: Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory AND US Army Corps of Engineers

Location: Fox, AK

2) Project Name: National Guard Counter Drug State

Account: DI

Amount: \$3,000,000

Recipient: Alaska National Guard

Location: AK

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3) Project Name: Auto Scan Under Vehicle Inspection (UVIS)

Account: RDDW

Amount: \$1,500,000

Recipient: Kachemak Research Development, Inc.

Location: Homer, AK

4) Project Name: Expandable Rigid Wall Composite Shelter

Account: RDN

Amount: \$1,000,000

Recipient: Alkan Shelter, LLC

Location: Fairbanks, AK

5) Project Name: Future Tactical Truck Carbon Composite Shelter & Retrofit of
Current Vehicle Shelters

Account: RDA

Amount: \$2,000,000

Recipient: Alkan Shelter, LLC

Location: Fairbanks, AK

6) Project Name: Flight/Hangar Deck Cleaner

Account: RDN

Amount: \$1,750,000

Recipient: Triverus

Location: Palmer, AK

In addition, I request your support for retaining the following:

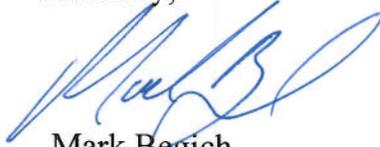
- Senate Section 8052: Treats service in the Alaska Territorial Guard as Active Duty for retirement purposes, as requested by Senator Begich and Senator Murkowski
- Senate increase of \$50 million to the Ground Based Interceptor production line
- Senate Section 8121: Funding for the Two-Stage Ground Based Interceptor
- House increase of \$430,000,000 for the continued development of the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter alternate engine and \$130,000,000 for alternate engine production costs for a total of \$560,000,000 above the request for the alternate engine program.
- House increase of \$368,800,000 for the advance procurement of 12 F-22A Raptor aircraft.

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Thank you for your consideration of and support for these projects and provisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Begich', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Begich
United States Senator