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The Honorable Daniel Inouye
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Senate Dirksen Office Building, Room 128
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Senate Dirksen Office Building, Room 128
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The Honorable Tim Johnson
Chairman
Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, And Related Agencies
Senate Dirksen Office Building, Room 122

The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, And Related Agencies
Senate Hart Office Building, Room 125

Dear Senators Inouye, Cochran, Johnson, and Hutchison,

As the Committee begins its consideration of the FY2010 National Defense Authorization Act, I write to request support for the following military construction projects:

Project Name: Kodiak Launch Complex
Request: $35,000,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number:
Service Component: US Air Force
Project Location: Kodiak Launch Site, Alaska
Project Description: The Kodiak Launch Complex supports rapid response launch programs addressing increased demands on the use of space-based capabilities to achieve national objectives. This budget request will fund Launch Pad 3 and Rocket motor storage facility construction.

Project Name: Kwajalein – USAKA/RTS Operation Center and Housing
Request: $5,000,000
Account: Military Construction, Missile Defense Agency
Project Number:
Service Component: US Air Force
Project Location: Kwajalein Radar Site, Alaska
Project Description: To restore the livability and usability of a military installation through improvements to the Dome Tactical Operations and Control Center and Dome Homes located on Kwajalein Island, AK.

Project Name: Access to Joint Donnelley-Tanana Training Complex
Request: $5,000,000
Account: Military Construction
Project Number:
Service Component:
Project Location: Alaska Rail Corridor, Alaska
Project Description: To reprogram funds under FY'07 Defense Appropriations Act for "Fort Wainwright/Eielson AFB Track Realignment" instead for the project under FY'09 Defense Appropriations Act "Joint Tanana Range Access". It had been earlier understood from Congressional and agency staff that the FY'07 funds could be administratively reprogrammed for the connected and related nearby Joint Tanana Range Access project (provides rail bridge access for military to training ranges). After enactment of the FY'09 Act, it was determined by agency legal staff that a Congressional reprogramming is needed for the FY'07 funds.

In addition, please include the following language in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2009:

> ***SECTION_____.*** *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the unobligated balance of funds made available in the Statement of Managers under the heading "OEA – Fort Wainwright/Eielson AFB Track Realignment" under the heading "Operations and Maintenance, Defense-wide" in Public Law 109-289 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act) shall be made available for "Joint Tanana Range Access" as provided in Public Law 110-329, Division C –Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2009.*

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, in any congressionally directed spending item that I requested for inclusion in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Ridle from my staff at 224-8485.

Sincerely,

Mark Begich
United States Senator