

## United States Senate

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Honorable John M. McHugh  
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Dear Secretary McHugh and General Odierno:

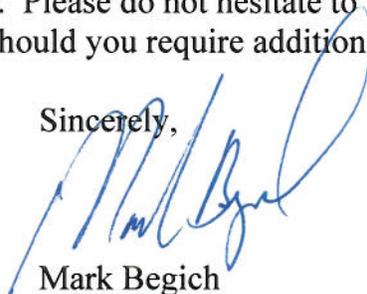
I want to bring to your attention one of our nation's greatest training assets-Alaska's Joint Pacific Range Complex (JPARC) and its unparalleled training environment. This complex, coupled with the available Naval training space, provides great capacity for training the joint force. This is especially important as we refocus our efforts on the Pacific.

I understand you are currently evaluating the feasibility of allocating your Exportable Training Capability Instrumentation System (ETC IS) to a command. I urge you to consider allocating this system to the United States Army, Pacific, so it may be placed in Alaska. Alaska provides homeland soil and forward presence in the Asia-Pacific region. Our regional allies find reassurance with Alaska's military presence as well as logistical convenience for multilateral training and exercises.

JPARC provides an ideal venue to utilize the ETC IS to support home station training for the soldiers in Alaska, as well as Theater Engagement-related training missions for the entire Pacific Command. There is critical infrastructure in place to support further missions. The Joint Mobility Complex at Eielson Air Force Base, conveniently located close to the complex, can process more than 1,000 deploying personnel per day for global contingencies and the required training that makes supporting these global contingencies possible.

I look forward to your response. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lindsay Kavanaugh at (202) 224-3004 should you require additional information from my office.

Sincerely,



Mark Begich  
United States Senator