

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 26, 2018

General Gustave F. Perna
Commanding General
U.S. Army Materiel Command
Building 4400
Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898-5000

Dear General Perna:

First and foremost, we want to thank you and the men and women of the Army Materiel Command (AMC) for your dedicated service to our great nation. The work AMC and its subordinate commands do to ensure the readiness of our armed forces is critical to our national security, and a mission we are privileged to represent and fight for. As you know, we have the honor of representing the hardworking men and women of the Red River Army Depot (RRAD). Although the depot community has weathered many changes over the years, its commitment to mission has remained the same. We know you witnessed this dedication firsthand when you visited RRAD in April, and your confidence in a “good, long life for RRAD” was appreciated by all and could not have come at a more critical time. While not on the committee of jurisdiction for military readiness, we have a keen interest in the success of the Organic Industrial Base (OIB) and therefore request your direct attention to the following questions:

1. Reform and Divest Organic Industrial Base Infrastructure Proposal - Recently in a letter to Secretary Esper, you proposed a plan to “*shed unnecessary and redundant capacity and capability in the Organic Industrial Base by closing or mothballing one hard iron depot and two ammunition depots.*” We request more details on this proposal because it seems to be in direct contradiction of Congressional guidance on Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), while fostering instability within the defense OIB during a time when consistency and predictability are critical.
2. Depot Source of Repair (DSOR) Decision for the Armored Multi - Purpose Vehicle (AMPV). The AMPV decision has been lingering for several years and timelines continue to shift without any substantive updates. RRAD offers the technical expertise, dedicated personnel, industry relationships, and facility readiness required to service the AMPV today and well into the future. Please provide an update on the timeline for decision.

Stated desires to mothball or close an iron depot, coinciding with reductions of over 900 personnel at RRAD this year alone, and delays in the AMPV DSOR decision for work that RRAD should be the clear choice, raises serious concerns. In order to alleviate any

misperceptions and ensure we can accurately represent the facts to our constituencies, we respectfully request your prompt attention to this matter.

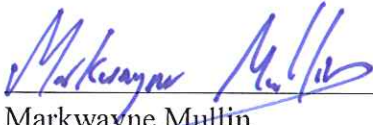
Sincerely,

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John Ratcliffe
Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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Mike Johnson
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