

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

May 26, 2011

The Honorable John M. McHugh  
Secretary of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We hope to meet with you as soon as practicable to discuss the importance of Rock Island's Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center to the Quad Cities region.

It is our understanding that the Army Materiel Command (AMC) has formed an internal task force charged with cutting \$3 billion from the overall AMC budget. These recommendations are due in July as part of an Army-wide effort to find savings in a time of tight budgets. We understand that closing Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center (JMTC) is a potential approach being considered by this task force.

As you know JMTC is a state of the art manufacturing facility that can rapidly respond to warfighter needs. It has produced armor that protected our troops overseas and has produced almost every howitzer in the Army inventory. JMTC employs more than 1,700 jobs and is an anchor in the local and regional economy.

Given the urgency of this matter, we request a meeting with you as soon as possible to discuss these matters as they may impact Rock Island.

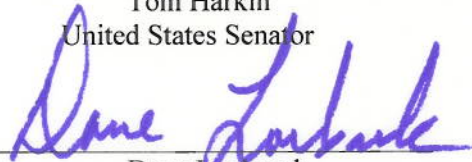
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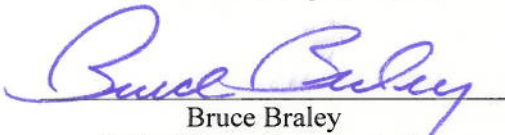
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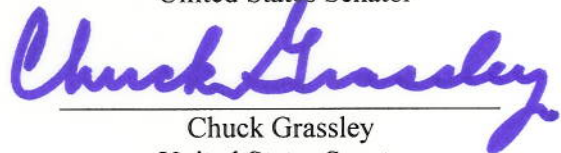
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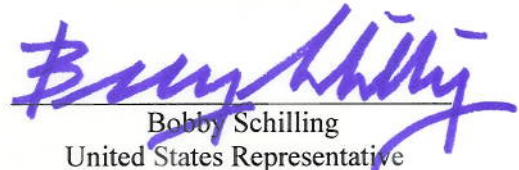
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cc: Dr. Malcolm Ross O'Neill, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology  
General Ann E. Dunwoody, Commanding General, Army Materiel Command