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May 12, 2009

The Honorable John Murtha
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense
H-218, The Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable C.W. Bill Young
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense
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Dear Chairman Murtha and Ranking Member Young:

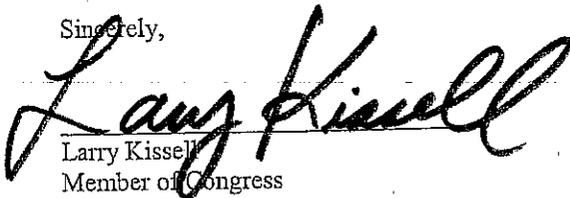
We are writing to request your support of two vital construction projects at Ft. Bragg in the FY 2010 Supplemental Appropriations Bill. These requests are included in the U.S. Army's priorities for the supplemental, and are of critical importance to military quality of life and the people of our districts. As you know, Fort Bragg is home to the XVIII Airborne Corps, the U.S. Army Special Operations Command and the 82d Airborne Division, and currently has over 7,000 soldiers deployed in the Global War on Terror. The 82nd Airborne Division Headquarters and three additional Brigade Combat Teams are expected to deploy in the next few months to Afghanistan and Iraq. Any consideration you may extend to these priorities will be most appreciated by the defense base.

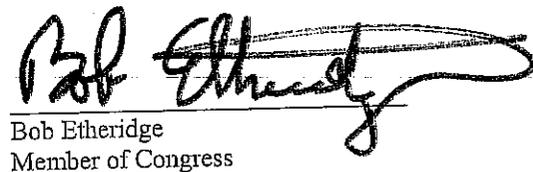
First, Ft. Bragg requests \$88 million for the Warriors in Transition (WT) Complex (Project Number 69798). This project will construct barracks, administrative offices, a dining facility, a Soldier Family Assistance Center, and other essential facilities to help wounded soldiers to either return to active duty or separate from service.

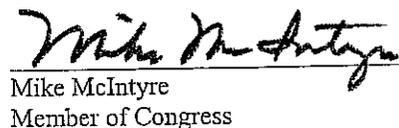
Second, Ft. Bragg is requesting that language be inserted to increase the square footage (SF) of the MCA Unit Chapel that was included in the FY 2009 appropriation. The approved project (PN 61035) states that it is for a 600 person Chapel but the square footage will only allow a facility for a 200 person chapel. Therefore, Ft. Bragg needs to change the approved project from 18,400 SF to 22,600 SF and allow construction of a 400 person chapel. If added, the requested language will not change the cost of the project. The attached DD1391 (PN 75014) was prepared to correct the issues.

Chairman Murtha and Ranking Member Young, we thank you kindly for any consideration you may extend to Ft. Bragg. If you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact us or our staffers Camille Mack, Military Legislative Assistant (Kissell), at 5-3715, David Weinreich, Legislative Director (Etheridge), at 5-4531, or Blair Milligan, Legislative Director (McIntyre), at 5-2731.

Sincerely,


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