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TO: The Honorable Robert Gates
Secretary of Defense
1400 Defense Pentagon
Washington DC 20301-1400

The Honorable John McHugh
Secretary of Army
1400 Defense Pentagon
Washington DC 20301-1400

Dear Sirs:

As a resident of Austin County, I ask that the government would reconsider the actions taken regarding the government contract concerning BAE. BAE has been a part of our community for 17 years and their work truly speaks for itself. They have assembled trucks not only with their hands but truly with their hearts. I have always believed that you pay for what you get. The time, work and effort that goes into those trucks are worth every dollar the U.S. government has invested in them through BAE in the past. Documentation has proven it. I would hate to see the lives of those who drive them endangered because of the almighty dollar. That sacrifice would be to great. Our guys and gals who serve this wonderful country truly deserve the best and those that are best qualified should help to meet their needs. BAE is that company. I pray that your decision isn't final and that you would consider reinstating the contract with BAE in Sealy, Texas. I hope that you will want to continue to serve the best with the best.

Respectfully,

Michelle Allen

cc: Congressman Michael McCaul
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
Senator John Cornyn