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December 1, 2009

The Honorable Robert M. Gates, Ph.D.  
Secretary of Defense  
U.S. Department of Defense  
1400 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301-1400

Dear Secretary Gates:

We are writing to you with our concerns regarding the Department of the Army's recent multi-year award of the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV).

Currently, the FMTVs are manufactured by BAE Systems at their 900,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Sealy, Texas. In almost 20 years of manufacturing, the dedicated workforce has manufactured over 56,000 FMTV vehicles with 29 variants for U.S. military forces and government contractors. So successful is the FMTV program that the International Organization for Standardization, an organization that sets manufacturing quality standards, certified FMTV production quality at the Sealy manufacturing unit among the highest in the industry. Even the U.S. Army coined the term "ultra-reliable" in describing the BAE Systems' production of the FMTV in Sealy, TX.

The FMTV missions include performing local and line hauling, unit resupply, combat support, and combat service support, all critical missions during a time of war. Currently, the FMTV program employs 3,400 production workers and more than 6,700 subcontractors, and current production levels in support of the Global War on Terror are more than 40 vehicles per day. Maintaining the production of the FMTV in Sealy, Texas with its proven standards of capability and reliability, dedicated workforce, production capability, technical experience, and key tooling and manufacturing facilities will ensure those missions will continue unabated for our warfighters.

We understand that the bid for the FMTV contract is currently under review. However, in light of BAE Systems' two decades of successful production of this essential vehicle for our warfighters we support Governor Rick Perry's request that the contract bid be reconsidered.

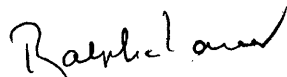
Sincerely,

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Paul Paine, Chairman  
Capt., USN (Ret.)

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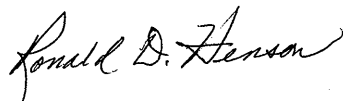
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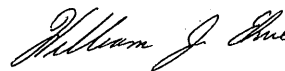
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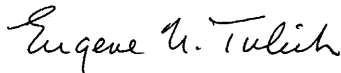
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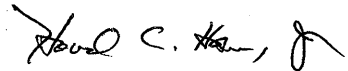
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Commissioner



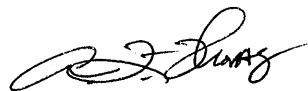
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