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To: **The Honorable Robert Gates**
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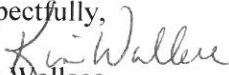
The Honorable John McHugh
Secretary of Army
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Dear Honorable Gates and Honorable McHugh,

I am writing with deep concern about BAE Company in Sealy, TX losing a contract to build the US Army's medium tactical vehicle. The BAE Company has held the contract for 17 years, the community of Sealy will be negatively impacted due to the loss of this contract. The economic impact to the state and to the region will cost an estimated 3,000 Texans jobs as well as over \$500 million dollars. With the economy the way it is that will hurt not only the region but specifically Sealy which is a town of approximately 6,000 people. I work for a company that has offices in various small towns across Texas and there have been way too many small businesses that have suffered during this tough economic time, I am asking that for your assistance with this. The US Army said such things as "The U.S. Army coined the term "ultra-reliable" to describe the FMTVs built in Sealy."

The Sealy plant currently employs 3,000 people who include people from Sealy, Austin and surrounding towns and communities. They believe there was a flawed bidding process and are currently appealing the decision. This decision may cause the closure of the Sealy BAE plant which would be detrimental to the community and surrounding areas as well. I appreciate you taking time to read my letter. Thank you.

Respectfully,


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Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
Senator John Cornyn