



November 12, 2009

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 Honorable Gates and Honorable McHugh:

I am writing this letter to support BAE Systems' protest of the U.S. Army's decision to grant the FMTV contract to Oshkosh Corporation.

As the former, long-time Mayor of the City of Sealy, I know the people who work at the facility in Sealy, and I know how dedicated they are to building the safest vehicle possible for our military personnel who sacrifice so much in order to keep all Americans safe.

The workforce at Sealy is highly trained and experienced in producing the FMTV, and you cannot put a dollar amount on the value of that experience and dedication. For the safety and well-being of our military personnel who will be using these vehicles, I respectfully request that you reconsider the decision that was made by the U.S. Army to move the manufacturing of the FMTV to a company that has not previously produced this line of vehicles.

Sincerely,

Betty Reinbeck  
Executive Director

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