

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 21, 2007

The Honorable Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force
U.S. Department of the Air Force
1660 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20330-1660

Dear Secretary Wynne:

We are writing to strongly encourage you to provide funding for Montana's Air Force priorities for Fiscal Year 2007. We are increasingly concerned that Montana will face serious setbacks in defense infrastructure in 2007 without any Congressional funding instruction to the Air Force regarding military construction in the recently passed H.J. Res. 20, the Continuing Appropriations Resolution of 2007.

We are aware of the budget difficulties many agencies will face this year, especially with funding levels set for most agencies at the 2006 enacted levels in the Continuing Resolution. H.J. Res. 20 provides \$1.08 billion to the Air Force for military construction for the 2007 Fiscal Year. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of releasing funds to the following projects for the state of Montana in 2007:

493 Family Housing Units at Malmstrom Air Force Base: \$140,252,000

493 housing units at Malmstrom will accommodate the growing needs of military families, and number of personnel stationed at the base. This project also received funding in 2006.

Community Activity Center at Malmstrom Air Force Base: \$5.7 million

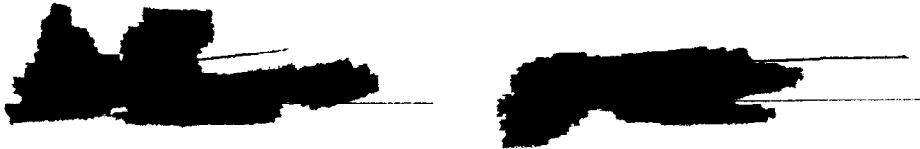
The Community Activity Center at Malmstrom AFB will help with the health, moral and welfare of the military personnel - readying them for their missions. It will provide recreational activities that develop esprit de corps, promote family well-being and enhance mental and physical fitness.

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The center will also provide the base with a conference center for large and small groups. It will provide kitchen capabilities to cater functions anywhere on base. Currently, Malmstrom AFB does not have a Community Activity Center; it was closed in 1994 due to base space shortages. The construction site has been selected.

We urge your support of these projects that are so critical to the viability of our state of Montana. We appreciate your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,





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March 22, 2007

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The Honorable Max Baucus
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-2602

Dear Senator Baucus

Thank you for your letter of February 21, 2007, to the Secretary of the Air Force regarding the Community Activity Center and Family Housing Units at Malmstrom Air Force Base (AFB), Montana.

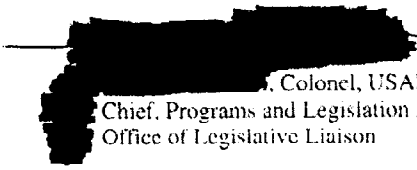
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As you know, Congress did not provide any additional funding for the Congressionally inserted projects authorized by the FY07 NDAA. We are aware of the need for the Community Activity Center, but there simply is not enough funding to accommodate all of the Air Force's requirements within the current Air Force MILCON program. However, we have included this project in our MILCON requirements in the FY09-13 Future Year's Defense Program (FYDP) as part of the FY08 PB.

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We look forward to your continued support for military construction projects and other critical Air Force priorities. A similar letter is being provided to Senator Tester.

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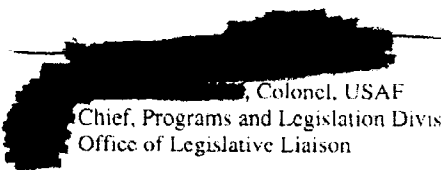
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