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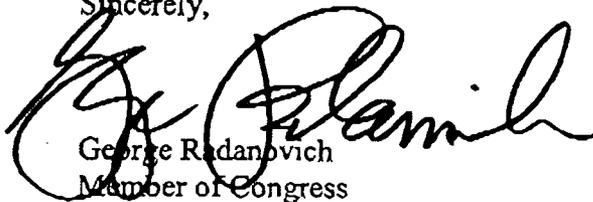
Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am requesting an opportunity for my staff and John Maniatakis, the Executive Vice President of NI Industries, the contractor managing Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant for the Army, to meet with the appropriate Commission staff on our concerns over DOD's recommendation to close Riverbank AAP and relocate its cartridge case capabilities at Rock Island Arsenal.

I firmly believe that DOD's recommendation fails to account for the essential military value that Riverbank AAP serves in the production of large caliber deep drawn steel cartridge cases for the Armed Forces and the importance and uniqueness of its deep drawn technological know-how. Further, it appears that the costs attached to the removal and relocation of this critical capability appears to be significantly underestimated. Additionally, I am deeply concerned over the community and employment impacts that would occur in my District as a result of this proposal. Attached is a list of questions which I submitted to Secretary Donald Rumsfeld regarding their recommendation.

Both my staff and Riverbank AAP's manager are available to meet with your staff as early as next week. Please have your staff contact Phil Lighty of my legislative staff to arrange a mutually convenient time. Thank you for your assistance in this urgent matter.

Sincerely,


George Radanovich
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Cc: The Honorable Jerry Lewis
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