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Received

The Honorable James H. Bilbray
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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The Honorable Bilbray:

I want to personally thank you for returning my call and discussing Red River Army Depot and Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant.

I am convinced that closing these installations would be harmful to our armed forces due to their significant value to the warfighter. According to current and former army warfighters, it is simply too risky to commanders and troops in the field to close these installations.

I appreciate your commitment to try and visit Red River Army Depot and Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant. Lone Star Ammunition Plant has not received a site visit from the Commission due to the Department of Defense reporting their man power at only 229. However, today they have approximately 400, placing them over the required number of personnel to receive a visit.

I appreciate your service on the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission and look forward to a positive outcome for our soldiers being served by Red River Army Depot and Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant. If you need additional information, or if I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 225-3772.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Ross".
Mike Ross

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