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The Honorable John W. Warner
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Upon enactment of Public Law 109-366, the Military Commissions Act of 2006, the Department of Defense began a comprehensive effort to identify the process and facility requirements necessary to expeditiously proceed with Military Commissions trials at Guantanamo Naval Station.

This effort has identified the need for critical enhancements in the available infrastructure at Guantanamo to support the trials process. A secure courthouse and associated secure support facilities totaling \$102 million have been determined to be the minimum necessary to properly and expeditiously conduct these trials. Due to national security implications and extreme urgency, emergency construction was authorized pursuant to Section 2808 of title 10, United States Code.

A description and justification of the required facilities is enclosed. Funding for the new security facilities will be provided from unobligated military construction appropriations. Funds will be requested in the planned FY 07 Defense supplemental request to restore funding for the source projects as required.

Your support for this emergency construction is greatly appreciated.

Enclosures:
As stated

cc:
The Honorable Carl Levin
Ranking Member

