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The Honorable Daniel Driscoll
Secretary of the Army
U.S. Department of Defense
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Dear Secretary Driscoll,

We write to request your plan for modernization of the Army's depots and to express our support for continued funding to Red River Army Depot (RRAD).

The Army's depots play a crucial role in national defense by serving as centralized facilities for the storage, maintenance, repair, and distribution of military equipment and supplies. By ensuring that weapons, vehicles, ammunition, and other critical resources are ready for deployment at any time, the depots contribute to readiness and operational efficiency. In times of conflict or emergency, Army depots act as logistical hubs that support rapid mobilization and sustainment of forces in the field, in areas where private manufacturing does not or will not have the expertise or capacity.

As you know, our depots are long overdue for modernization. Last year alone, we requested greater clarity in the planning and allocation of \$4.5 billion. Without a clear long-term integrated roadmap and implementation plan, we worry that funding intended for local projects via overarching projects could lead to limited value and depot closures, ultimately creating a detrimental impact on the overall organic defense industrial base. With that in mind, we ask for greater clarity in the Army's investment/divestment strategy, and continued briefings and discussions on the following:

- The Army's plan for modernization to allow the integration of depots with private sector manufacturing.
- The Army's plan for expanding redundancy on capability in sustainment and fabrication.
- The Army's plan to retool the workforce to maximize flexibility of depot capability.
- The Army's depot priorities (sector and location) for modernization along with justifications.

RRAD plays a pivotal role in the Army's organic industrial base and within the United States' defense infrastructure at large. It spans 15,375 acres with more than 8 million square feet of

industrial space dedicated to the sustainment of ground combat and tactical systems. As the Army's Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for Tactical Wheeled Vehicles, RRAD specializes in the repair and remanufacture of a wide array of military vehicles, including the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle, High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV), and Bradley Fighting Vehicle System. Beyond supporting the Army, RRAD extends its capabilities to the Marine Corps, Air Force, and Navy, ensuring comprehensive inter-service support. With a large and robust workforce, RRAD contributes significantly to military readiness and capacity.

Therefore, we implore the DOD to continue to fund the critical operations and expansion plans for RRAD. We look forward to active conversation on how the Army can modernize RRAD to support other major programs and support interoperability with other areas of the defense industrial base to include private and public. We further ask the following from the Army:

- What steps is the Army taking to address workforce training and recruitment as part of modernization for RRAD?
- How much funding has been allocated to depot modernization over the next five years for RRAD?
- How is emerging technology (e.g., automation, AI, advanced manufacturing) being integrated into modernization plans?
- What are the anticipated impacts on depot operations during the modernization process?
- What coordination exists between services (Army, Navy, Air Force) to ensure efficiency and interoperability in depot modernization for RRAD?

We thank you for your insight, efforts, and commitment to the Army and to our nation. We look forward to working with you and your team on these ongoing discussions that will improve readiness and affirm the President's vision of peace through strength.

Sincerely,



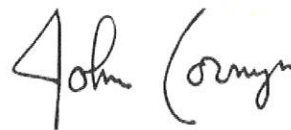
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