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General Gordon R. Sullivan
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Dear General Sullivan:

I would like to personally thank you for your work in helping to build support for H.R. 4546, the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2003.

With your assistance, the bill passed by the overwhelming bipartisan vote of 359 to 58 on May 9, 2002. I consider this margin to be a strong endorsement of our efforts to craft legislation, which not only supports our service members, but also provides the resources to prepare to win the impending war against terrorism and make the homeland safe. With your assistance, these goals such as: improving living and working facilities on military installations, increase military manpower, and enhancing force protection and intelligence gathering are achievable.

I have appreciated working with you over the past several months, and look forward to building on our efforts as we turn our focus to the next steps in the legislative process. In the meantime, should you have any questions or further suggestions on how we may be able to improve upon this effort, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



BOB STUMP
Chairman