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Dear «Salutation»:

As Majority Chairman of the Pennsylvania House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, I have come to know first hand the value of the Pennsylvania National Guard. The purpose of my correspondence is to urge your strong support for the Pennsylvania National Guard as you begin the federal budget process.

Our National Guard is a vital part of the Nation's defense and both our Army and Air Guard are full partners in the Total Force. Our Army Guard serves around the world – humanitarian relief in Central America to peacekeeping in the Balkans. Soon, our own 28th Division Commander will assume command of the entire multi-national force in Bosnia. Our Air National Guard also performs worldwide missions, including duty in the skies over the Middle East and the Balkans.

Units of the Pennsylvania National Guard provide essential job and life skills training opportunities, while having a significant economic input on our communities. These soldiers and airmen are Pennsylvanians at their best. They also serve here at home, during emergencies and simply by being an example for others as they live the concept of service above self. That service to country, to Commonwealth, and to community deserves our support. Let's do all we can to ensure their training and equipment is the best.

Thank you for all of your time, efforts and considerations on this important matter. I look forward to the opportunity of personally discussing these issues with you at the Pennsylvania National Guard Association's Congressional Breakfast at our Nation's Capital on March 21, 2001.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Semmel, Majority Chairman
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