



UNITED STATES ARMY

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The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Ranking Member, Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6035

Dear Representative Hunter:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Army's unfunded requirements for fiscal year (FY) 2008. Your interest in our men and women in uniform is greatly appreciated.

The Army remains committed to providing the best land force possible to support the Nation's worldwide interests and to fight the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). The FY08 President's Budget and GWOT Request set the Army on the right path to achieving these objectives. It will enable us to make significant progress in improving readiness and enhancing strategic flexibility while we fulfill our responsibilities under the National Security and Defense strategies. The base budget, together with anticipated GWOT funding, provides the resources necessary to recruit, train and equip our Soldiers; to continue our transformation; and to build the infrastructure needed to execute our mission. Also, the recent decision to increase the number of uniformed personnel will assist us in rebalancing the Active and Reserve components while reducing stress on the force.

The Army would use any additional resources to accelerate equipment availability, further enhancing the readiness of our force. In accordance with your request, I have attached a list of programs we would accelerate.

Of more immediate concern is the FY07 Omnibus Continuing Resolution (CR), which would have a devastating affect on the Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) program. BRAC is an integral piece of the Army's global repositioning plan and conversion to a modular force. As proposed, the CR would provide less than half of the BRAC funds requested by the President, creating a shortfall of approximately \$2 billion. If unable to execute BRAC as intended, repositioning and transformation/modularization would become much more difficult. Construction of training and readiness facilities would be delayed, and the resulting impact would ripple through our restationing, conversion and growth plans for years. I strongly urge the Congress to find a means to fund BRAC to the level requested.

On behalf of our Soldiers, families and civilians, thank you again for your personal dedication to the United States military and for the continued support of the Congress. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Schoomaker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "S".

Peter J. Schoomaker
General, United States Army

Enclosure

cc:

Honorable Ike Skelton
Honorable John P. Murtha
Honorable C. W. "Bill" Young
Honorable Chet Edwards
Honorable James T. Walsh
Honorable Carl Levin
Honorable John McCain
Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Honorable Ted Stevens
Honorable Tim Johnson
Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison

FY07 Unfunded Requirements

| DESCRIPTION | APPN | Total (\$K) |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE | (approx) | 2,000.0 |

FY08 Unfunded Requirements

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| MRAP (GSTAMIDS)* | OPA | 2,249.0 |
| ASE | APA | 207.4 |
| PAC-3 PURE FLEET | MIPA | 452.2 |
| JAVELIN | MIPA | 187.2 |
| COMBAT TRAINING CENTERS | OPA | 102.4 |
| FMTV | OPA | 1,845.5 |
| HEMTT | OPA | 324.2 |
| LINE HAUL | OPA | 30.2 |
| PLS | OPA | 225.8 |
| COUNTER-IED SYSTEMS | OPA | 152.9 |
| REF SLDR SUPPORT | OPA | 3.2 |
| LLDR-FIRE SUPPORT OPTICS | OPA | 10.6 |
| TOCS/SICPS | OPA | 62.3 |
| SOLDIER ENHANCEMENT PRG | OPA | 18.8 |
| FBCB2 | OPA | 141.5 |
| LOGISTICS NETWORK COMMS | OPA | 56.6 |
| LOG AUTO SYSTEMS | OPA | 522.6 |
| NIGHT VISION | OPA | 33.0 |
| FIREFINDER MOD-IN-SERVICE | OPA | 2.5 |
| COTS TACTICAL RADIOS | OPA | 49.6 |
| FRGN LANG TRNSLTN SYSTEMS | OPA | 13.3 |
| ARMY KEY MANAGEMENT SYS | OPA | 24.0 |
| INFO SYS SCTY COMSEC | OPA | 25.9 |
| LTV HIGH MOB TRLR | OPA | 16.9 |
| NAVSTAR GPS | OPA | 5.9 |
| MC4 | OPA | 43.5 |
| SCAMP/SMART-T | OPA | 2.0 |
| TACTICAL ELEC PWR | OPA | 19.9 |
| TMDE | OPA | 116.4 |
| WATER PURIFICATION SYS | OPA | 6.5 |
| ARTY ACCURACY EQUIP | OPA | 2.8 |
| TACTICAL BRIDGING | OPA | 13.0 |
| MAINT EQUIP | OPA | 64.9 |
| EOD EQUIP | OPA | 25.0 |
| FIELD HYGIENE | OPA | 12.3 |
| CARGO AIRDROP | OPA | 22.4 |
| CBRN SOLDIER PROTECTION | OPA | 69.2 |
| CONSTRUCTION EQUIP | OPA | 4.7 |
| AIR/MSL DEF C2 SYS | OPA | 90.7 |
| AMMO PRODUCTION BASE | PAA | 190.5 |
| M240 MG | WTCV | 19.4 |
| SAW | WTCV | 1.7 |
| STRYKER | WTCV | 775.1 |
| TOWED HOWITZER (M119) | WTCV | 19.8 |
| HERCULES RECAP | WTCV | 24.9 |
| | Sub-total | 8,288.2 |
| | Grand Total (approx) | 10,288.2 |

*Completes buy of 2,500 MRAP out of a potential requirement of 17,770