

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 17, 2007

The Honorable Michael Wynne  
Secretary of the Air Force  
1690 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20330-1670

Dear Secretary Wynne:

As members of the California congressional delegation, we are writing to urge you to consider Beale Air Force Base as the headquarters for the Cyber Command. We appreciate your leadership in recognizing the profound importance of the "cyber battlefield" in protecting our national security, and applaud the Air Force for moving swiftly in establishing a Cyber Command to help ensure that our nation's military can dominate this domain just as it has achieved dominance in the air.

As you know, Beale AFB is the home of the U-2 spy plane and Global Hawk, making it our nation's premiere high-altitude reconnaissance base. On a daily basis, the airmen at Beale are providing our commanders on the ground with crucial Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) information that helps bring enemy plans to light and protect U.S. troops. Beale is also the home of the Global Communications Center and has the bandwidth and communications capacity for conducting complex cyberspace operations. In light of reports that China and Russia are actively conducting such operations already, we believe Beale's ISR and communications assets can play a significant role in strengthening our nation's offensive and defensive cyber capabilities in the future. In short, Beale is already performing major components of cyber operations and has the capacity to expand its role even further.

Air Force officials have indicated that establishing partnerships with computer and engineering-related occupations, as well as academic institutions, is a vital requirement for the Cyber Command headquarters. To that point, we can say with high confidence that California would provide the Air Force with unmatched opportunities to develop public-private partnerships. Beale is in close proximity to a high concentration of defense, computer, and aerospace firms as well as world-class universities. The Northern California area near Beale employs over 350,000 high-tech workers, of which 190,000 are in computer-related occupations. Five of the top supercomputer sites in the world are located nearby. Of course, the state's high-tech sector is not limited to Northern California. The Cyber Command would be able to tap into the numerous resources in Southern California as well. In fact, according to the *California Cybercities 2006* report, Southern California's technology industry is nearly as large as Northern California's. Finally, several universities throughout the state fund research, design innovative technology, and provide training that will be essential for the Cyber Command mission.

As this letter demonstrates, the California delegation in Congress is united in their support for Beale AFB becoming the headquarters for the Cyber Command. Additional endorsements have come from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors, the University of California Davis, and the California Space Authority. Please see the enclosed list of additional local governments, higher education institutions, businesses, and private sector organizations that have expressed support for Beale becoming the headquarters for the new Command. The local Beale community is also excited about the Air Force considering Beale as the home of the Cyber Command, and is mobilized in promoting Beale's unparalleled assets. For example, this month members of the Beale Enhancement Team, the Yuba Community College District and the Yuba Sutter Economic Development Corporation announced plans to establish a Center for Innovation in Autonomous and Cyber Technology. The Center has the potential of supporting the Command by serving as a think tank where educational research, technological industry, and military leadership can all come together to develop cutting-edge research and foster new and existing applications of cyber technologies.

We understand that the Air Force may be accelerating the Cyber Command selection process, with a decision reportedly possible early next year. For this reason, we wanted to highlight Beale's attributes and further demonstrate California's strong commitment to bolstering our nation's Air Force in any way possible. Several of us who represent Beale AFB and neighboring regions would welcome the opportunity to visit with you to further gain your insights about the importance of the cyber battlefield, and to personally share with you why we believe Beale AFB would be an ideal location for Cyber Command headquarters. We will be in contact with you regarding this request in the near future.

Again, thank you for considering Beale AFB as headquarters for the Cyber Command, and please don't hesitate to let us know how we can assist you on this or any other issue important to the service and the remarkable airmen who make ours the finest Air Force in the world.

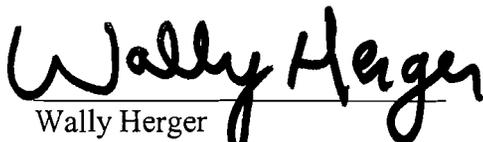
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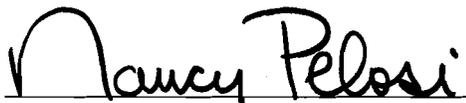
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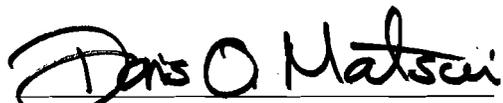
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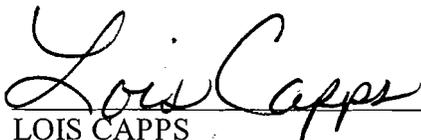
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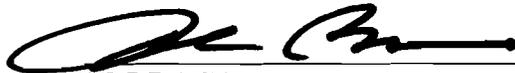
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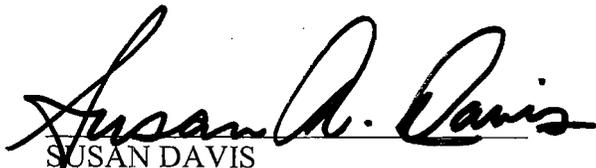
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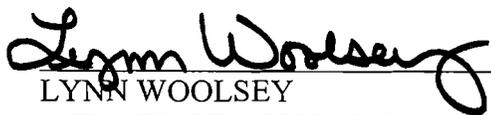
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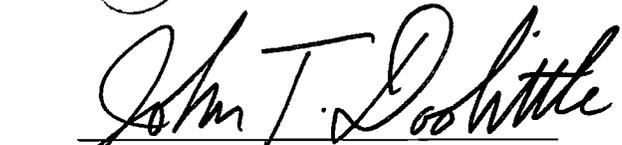
  
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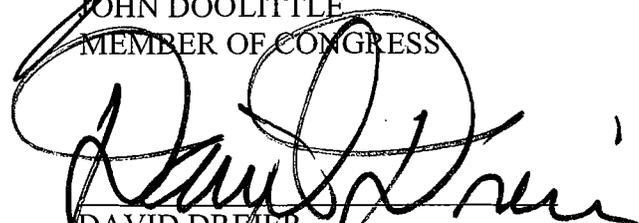
  
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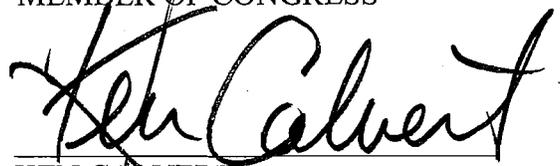
  
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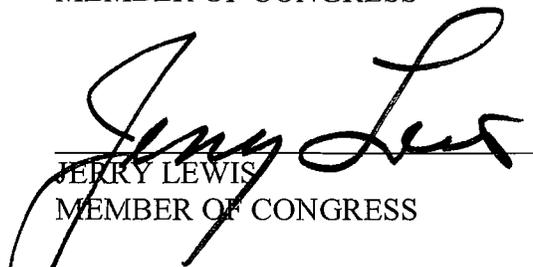
  
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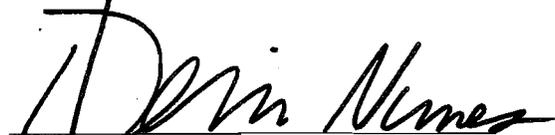
  
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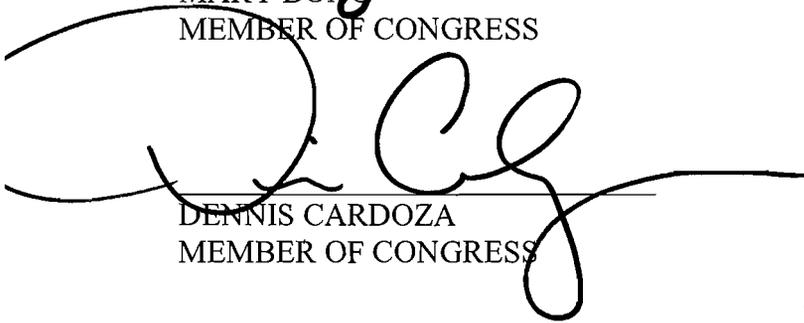
  
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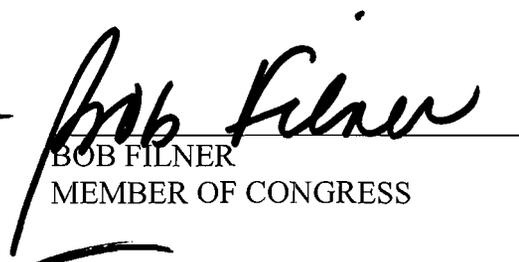
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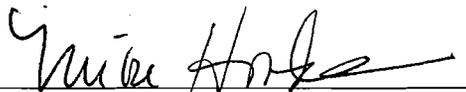
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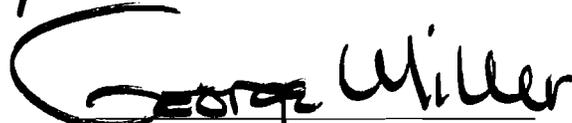
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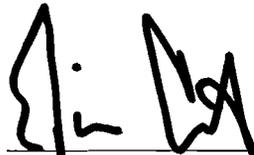
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Attachments

Cc: General T. Michael Moseley, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force  
Major General William T. Lord, Commander, Air Force Cyber Command (Provisional)



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

August 31, 2007

The Honorable Michael W. Wynne  
Secretary of the Air Force  
1670 Air Force Pentagon  
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

As the United States Air Force continues to develop its global reach into cyberspace, I ask you to consider the many ways in which California can assist. In particular, I would encourage you to consider Beale Air Force Base as the headquarters for the Cyber Command.

From Beale Air Force Base, the Cyber Command could draw on a wealth of world-class universities and on the concentration of defense, computer and aerospace industries in California to identify and meet the requirements of cyberspace operations. With decades at the forefront of research and development in electronics and use of the electromagnetic spectrum, California has unparalleled resources for supporting the new command.

In fact, Beale Air Force Base has many assets that make it an excellent location for basing cyberspace forces. With 23,000 acres, the base has ample room for growth. The military and civilian population necessary for supporting the new Major Command would have access to affordable housing in the community around the base. With its high-altitude reconnaissance mission, Beale Air Force Base already possesses the bandwidth and communications capacity for conducting cyberspace operations.

California remains committed to supporting national defense, and I am eager to build on the state's long and productive relationship with the U. S. Air Force. I look forward to working with you to meet the demands of national security in cyberspace today and into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger

cc: Lieutenant General Robert J. Elder

**CYBER COMMAND**  
**Letters of Support/Resolutions**  
**as of November 2, 2007**

California Congressional Delegation

Signed Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein and Wally Herger

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Lt. Governor  
Senator Sam Anestad  
Senator Dave Cox

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City of Chico  
City of Colfax  
City of Elk Grove  
City of Fairfield  
City of Folsom  
City of Grass Valley  
City of Lincoln  
City of Nevada City  
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City of Wheatland  
City of Woodland  
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County of Sutter  
County of Yolo  
County of Yuba  
Town of Loomis

Educational Institutions

University of California Davis  
California State University Sacramento  
California State University Chico  
Los Rios Community College District  
Folsom Lake College  
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American River College

Private Sector and Organizations

California IPv6 Task Force  
California Space Authority  
Flintco Constructive Solutions  
Grubb & Ellis  
Kaiser Permanente  
North Lake Tahoe Resort Association  
Plumas Lake Builders Cooperative  
PRIDE Industries  
Roseville Chamber of Commerce  
Sacramento Area Regional Technology Alliance  
Sacramento Metro Chamber  
The American Legion – Sutter Post 705  
Veteran's of Foreign Wars of the United States  
Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation