

LOU BARLETTA  
11TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

TRANSPORTATION AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE  
COMMITTEE

SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-3811

August 3, 2012

WASHINGTON, DC OFFICE:  
510 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515  
(855) 241-5144 PHONE  
(202) 226-6250 FAX

HAZLETON, PA OFFICE:  
1 SOUTH CHURCH STREET, SUITE 100  
HAZLETON, PA 18201  
(570) 751-0050 PHONE  
(570) 751-0054 FAX

WILKES-BARRE, PA OFFICE:  
1112 HIGHWAY 315 BOULEVARD  
WILKES-BARRE, PA 18702  
(570) 235-1420 PHONE  
(570) 235-1417 FAX

TAYLOR, PA OFFICE:  
802 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
TAYLOR, PA 18517  
(570) 562-6240 PHONE  
(570) 562-6238 FAX

Senator Daniel K. Inouye  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Defense  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-128, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Thad Cochran  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Defense  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-128, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable C.W. Bill Young  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Defense  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-405, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Norm Dicks  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Defense  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Inouye, Ranking Member Cochran, Chairman Young, and Ranking Member Dicks:

I am writing to express my strong support for Army depots and arsenals in our country. As you know, the Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) Defense Appropriations bill that recently passed the House reduced funding levels for many of our Army depots and arsenals. The House Appropriations Committee justified this reduction by citing excessive levels of funding carryover and cited adequate funding was available for our Army depots and arsenals. However, additional data provided by the Army suggests this reduction was based on erroneous information and the reduction in carryover funding will impact Army depots.

According to additional information provided by the Army, the impact to the Tobyhanna Army Depot, in the 11<sup>th</sup> District, is less significant than the impact to other Army depots. However, I am strongly requesting your attention to this critical matter and ask that you work to ensure that adequate funding for Army depots and arsenals is contained within the FY13 Defense Appropriations conference report.

Tobyhanna is critical to the economy of the 11<sup>th</sup> District. With a regional economic impact of an estimated \$4.4 billion and more than 5,400 employees, Tobyhanna Army Depot is Northeastern Pennsylvania's largest employer. Its presence alone creates 19,300 regional jobs. In addition,

Tobyhanna Army Depot employs an additional 300 personnel who permanently work at “forward repair activities,” supporting our military personnel around the globe.

Today, Tobyhanna Army Depot is the largest full-service electronics maintenance facility in the U.S. Department of Defense. Tobyhanna Army Depot is the Department of Defense’s recognized leader in the areas of automated test equipment, systems integration and downsizing of electronics systems. The Tobyhanna Army Depot has been an incredible asset for Northeastern Pennsylvania and the United States.

I am committed to working with you to ensure appropriate funding for our country’s Army depots and arsenals is contained in the final conference report. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Rob Wehagen in my office at 202-225-6511 if I can provide any additional information about the importance of Army depots to the district and country at large.

Very truly yours,



Lou Barletta  
Member of Congress