

June 17, 2010

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Abercrombie:

On behalf of the over 370,000 members of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), I am writing to ask your support in ensuring H.R. 4899, the War Supplemental Appropriations bill, passes both chambers before July 4, 2010.

The more than \$33 billion dollar war supplemental request is needed in order to sustain contingency operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan and to continue relief efforts as a result of the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

Even though H.R. 4899 passed the Senate on May 27 and is scheduled for House floor debate this week, it still must clear the full House and Senate. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates recently expressed his concern that the lack of passage by the July 4th recess will create detrimental effects on both military and civilian personnel within the Defense department.

MOAA urges you to work with all members of Congress and quickly pass the War Supplemental Appropriations Bill in order to fund the personnel costs and equipment reconstitution needed for our overseas contingency and relief operations.

Sincerely,

