

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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General Mark A. Welsh III
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Washington, D.C. 20330

Dear General Welsh:

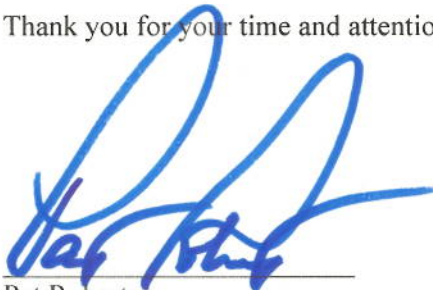
We write concerning the important and expanding mission of the 931st Air Refueling Group at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, KS. As you know, McConnell was selected as the Main Operating Base for the new KC-46A tankers. We appreciate your support and leadership throughout the basing selection process and we hope you will continue to support McConnell's enhanced responsibilities and missions as the home of the new KC-46A tanker.

With the anticipated arrival of first KC-46A tankers in Fiscal Year 2016, various actions are taking place to ready the force and McConnell when the transition gets underway. As part of that transition plan, the 931st is anticipated to increase their manpower by approximately 422 positions to accommodate the KC-46A. Given this significant increase in manpower, it is likely the 931st will exceed the U.S. Air Force threshold of 750 personnel, which makes the Air Refueling Group eligible to become an Air Refueling Wing. We understand the U.S. Air Force Reserve pursued this designation as part of the Program Objective Memorandum (POM) and a final decision may still be pending as the POM process continues.

As you provide guidance during the POM process, we request that you consider classifying the 931st as an Air Refueling Wing to make certain they receive the proper allotment of personnel that comes with this designation.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

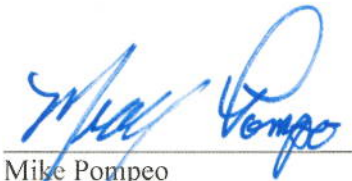
Sincerely,



Pat Roberts
United States Senator



Jerry Moran
United States Senator



Mike Pompeo
United States Representative