

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Vice Admiral Keith W. Lippert
Director
Defense Logistics Agency
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Dear Admiral Lippert:

We are writing to impress upon you the importance of the Defense Supply Center-Richmond (DSCR) and its invaluable contribution to the overall force readiness of our nation's military. The DSCR, being the major logistical hub for aircraft replacement parts and other important materials, plays a major role in our country's war on terrorism. The Defense Supply Center Richmond provides direct support for our troops in the field in the most cost efficient and timely manner possible.

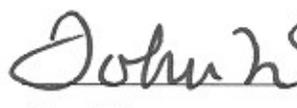
As you are aware, the realignment of the supply centers will put the Richmond, Columbus and part of the Philadelphia sites under one flag officer. Although a Senior Executive Service position will be directing the day-to-day operations on site at the three centers, we believe that placing the flag officer that will oversee the Weapon Systems Operations at the Defense Supply Center in Richmond would have tremendous benefits such as:

- Proximity to major commands and national command authority,
- Easy access to interstates north/south and east/west,
- Close to Ft. Lee, this provides employee support by use of commissary and PX,
- Proximity to major commercial and air transportation centers to support any necessary travel.

We hope that the realignment will have minimal impact on the personnel working at the DSCR. We realize that the restructuring of the DSCs is an internal affair, however should you need our assistance or advisement in anyway, please do not hesitate to contact us. Once again, let us strongly voice our support for locating the flag officer at the DSCR. Thank you for your service to our country and we look forward to hearing from you once you have made a final decision on all the DLA realignment objectives.

Sincerely,


J. Randy Forbes
Member of Congress


John Warner
United States Senator


George Allen
United States Senator


Eric Cantor
Member of Congress


Robert Scott
Member of Congress


Jo Ann Davis
Member of Congress