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TO: Chair Manning, Co-Chair Thatcher & Senate Committee on Veterans, Emergency Management
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

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SUBJECT: In Favor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 2 with Revisions

ATTENTION: FOR ALL REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

1. Please accept this as my testimony for SCR-2. *SCR, para 2 needs to be amended to include the February floods of 1996.* The 142d Fighter Wing had to evacuate the Portland Airbase in February 1996. Priority resources (F-15 alert and non-alert fighter aircraft) had to be evacuated from the Portland Airbase to McCord Air Force Base. Critical equipment and aircraft that couldn't fly had to be relocated by ground- tug to the parking lot of Colwood National Golf Course on Columbia Blvd. A Force Generation area (red rope) was set-up with armed Air Force, Security policemen where deadly force was authorized to protect critical/Top Secret equipment. This prompted a visit from then President Clinton to survey the flood damage.
2. I was activated with 1 hour notice, participated in this natural disaster, and emergency situation to guard/protect priority equipment at the golf course for 10 days. I was also selected to provide ground security for Air Force One.

Thank you,



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