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The Honorable John Murtha
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

With the FY 1995 Defense Appropriations Conference approaching, I am writing to express my strong appreciation for your steadfast support of my CSU project at Fort Ord. Although new to Congress, I certainly recognize the demands placed upon you during this process.

As you know, on July 8, 1994 Secretary of Defense William Perry made the first historic land conveyance through the "Pryor Amendment" at Fort Ord, to the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC). The first phase of the Fort Ord reuse plan features the development of a 4-year CSU campus in conjunction with a science, research, policy center which will focus on the development of environmental remediation technologies for the expeditious cleanup of contaminated military bases.

The success of the first phase of reuse at Fort Ord would not have been possible without your vision and strong leadership. The initial funding you provided for the CSU project is allowing the California State University to begin renovation work on a student campus that will be ready for Fall 1995 enrollment. In addition to fulfilling the student demand for an additional campus, CSU Monterey Bay will create *thousands of service jobs, hundreds of faculty and support positions, along with innumerable education related small business opportunities.*

→ During your visit to Fort Ord in April, you pointed out the need for continuing defense conversion grants to make up for some of the loss of a \$500,000,000 military payroll to the region. As you mentioned, an additional \$18,000,000 in funding is now necessary to continue the development of this crucial project. I would be extremely grateful if you would include \$18,000,000 for the CSU campus at Fort Ord in the FY 1995 Defense Appropriations Conference Report.

I realize that it makes sense to wait until the conference before identifying funding for projects such as CSU at Monterey Bay, despite its enormous economic and educational importance to the Monterey community and the nation.

Again, thank you for your strong encouragement of this critical project. I appreciate all your assistance and look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,


SAM FARR
Member of Congress

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