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The Honorable Isiah Leggett
County Executive, Montgomery County
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Leggett:

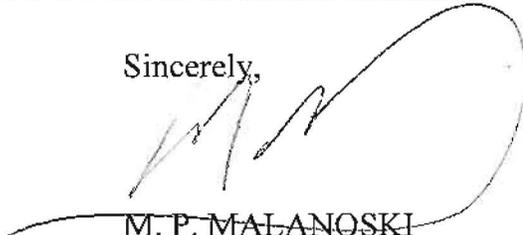
Thank you for your letter of January 28, 2011 regarding improved pedestrian access to the Medical Center Metro station in Bethesda.

My staff has been working with representatives of the County, State, and Federal governments and other stakeholders on the MD355 Metro Crossing project as well as other transportation issues involving the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bethesda. As you note in your letter, the Department of Defense requested \$20 million in its Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 budget for a Defense Access Roads (DAR) project to provide safe access between the Metro station and NSA Bethesda. I should note that Congress has not yet enacted FY 2011 appropriations for military construction. I understand that the Department of Defense will have to work within the limits of the continuing resolution as it allocates funds for projects such as the \$20M DAR project.

Following the selection of the preferred alternative by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, I briefed senior leaders in the Department of the Navy and the Office of the Secretary of Defense on the status of this project. All recognize the importance of this project for patients, staff, and family who come to NSA. With that said, I will work with the appropriate leadership in the Department to explore the possibility of securing additional funding for the pedestrian tunnel component of the preferred alternative. I will keep you and your staff apprised of our efforts in this regard.

Thank you for your support of NSA Bethesda and the National Naval Medical Center. As always, please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



M. P. MALANOSKI
Captain, Medical Corps
U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer

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