



November 21, 2007

The Honorable Robert A. Brady
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C 20510

Dear Mr. Brady,

The Adjutants General Association respectfully requests that Congress remove any provisions in the FY 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that restrict or limit the retirement of Air Force KC-135E aerial refueling tankers and C130E/H tactical transport aircraft. This recommended action should also address KC-135E and C-130E/H retirement conditions stipulated in the FY2007 NDAA.

The Adjutants General Association believes that savings and cost avoidances that will accrue upon retirement of the KC-135Es and C130E/Hs, when applied to existing and future systems, will increase the war fighting capability and combat readiness of the "Total Force" Air Force.

The Adjutants General Association concurs with the Chief of Staff of the Air Force and the Director of the Air National Guard that the authority and flexibility to manage the KC-135E and C130E/H fleets are best accomplished by the Air Force in collaboration with the Air National Guard. The costly and unreasonable retention of these aircraft as well as the stipulation of "Type-1000 storage" at the Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Center negatively impacts the ability of the Air Force and Air National Guard to meet the requirements of Combatant Commanders and the nation's governors.

Thank you for your support of the National Guard and for your anticipated support for removing these restrictions and limitations.

Sincerely,

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Major General
President