

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

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General Mark A. Milley  
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101 Army Pentagon  
Washington D.C. 20310-0101

Dear General Milley:

Thank you for your tireless work on behalf of our Army. The devotion we share to all our men and women in uniform is unwavering, and we commit to supporting them in any way possible. As part of that effort, we request that you continue to consider the contributions that our state of Georgia can provide to our nation's Army.

Last year, our Army's leadership deliberated on whether to relocate a helicopter battalion from Europe to Hunter Army Airfield by September 2018. We recognize that the heightened tensions in Europe make difficult any decision to move forces out of the region. However, we still maintain that reinforcing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade with an AH-64 Apache Battalion in place of the deactivated OH-58 Kiowa Warrior Squadron is a prudent move. A fully-equipped Apache Battalion along our southeastern corridor, coupled with the support infrastructure at Hunter Army Airfield could prove to be a highly lethal force that provides flexibility and options to our Army.

Second, the Army planned to fund new aviation hangars at Hunter Army Airfield in the FY12 and FY13 President's Budget. As you know, the project was postponed indefinitely because of budget restraints brought on by sequestration. With the planning and design work complete, the project is ready to go as soon as funding is made available. We commit that we will do our part and work alongside the Army and the new Administration to help restore this combat aviation capability back to Hunter.

As you work through your priorities in the Strategic Portfolio Analysis Review (SPAR), we would appreciate your consideration of Georgia as a means to support the Army's continued mission sets, and our nation's strategic needs.

Thank you again for your service to our Army and our nation.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



David A. Perdue  
United States Senator

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cc: Lieutenant General Mike Murray (Assistant Chief of Staff, G-8)