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The Honorable Lawrence H. Summers
Director, National Economic Council
Eisenhower Executive Office Building
1650 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Summers:

As you may be aware, because of actions being taken by the Department of Defense many states will soon be experiencing enormous, short term growth on their military installations. Given the numbers involved and the short time frame to react, communities that support the installations are experiencing unique challenges, especially with regard to workforce development, education, and transportation.

Over the course of the past six months the National Governors Association Mission Growth Working Group, a group of seventeen affected states chaired by the states of Georgia and Maryland, has been addressing the specific challenges involved. One benefit of their effort is that the states impacted have been able to share best practices which will help mitigate the challenges. However, it is also clear that federal assistance is both needed and warranted.

In that regard, the Working Group has developed a list of federal recommendations for each of the three challenge areas. This list is enclosed. I am writing to endorse the recommendations and request appropriate action on each, especially considering the short time element involved.

This is a critical issue for Georgia and the other states involved, and any assistance provided will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sonny Perdue".

Sonny Perdue

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Enclosure