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March 25, 2013

Hon. Lou Barletta
U.S. House of Representatives
115 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Barletta:

As leaders of the Pennsylvania Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, we urge you to support H.R. 1014, Senate Amendment Number 146 to Senate Con. Res. 8, or similar legislation that will protect National Guard military technicians from furlough.

These 53,000 technicians –1,800 of whom work in Pennsylvania--are a critical component of our nation's state of military readiness. Yet, they are the only uniformed personnel who have not been exempted from sequestration by the Pentagon. The Pennsylvania National Guard Associations and Major Gen. Wesley Craig, the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, have warned that the furlough of these technicians would have devastating consequences.

Therefore, we urgently request your support for the provisions of H.R. 1014, which will protect National Guard military technicians from sequestration furloughs. Thank you for your attention to this serious need.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any additional information or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Lisa Baker in black ink.

Lisa Baker
Senator

Handwritten signature of Robert Robbins in black ink.

Robert Robbins
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